

# Isekai Shoukan ni Makikomareta Obaachan

## Arc 1

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# Chapter 1

*Korokorokoro .....*

A little, stuffed toy? has rolled up to my feet, but...

I wonder what it is?

Ah, this is the so-called strap, isn't it?

Shin-chan has one on the backpack.

I wonder whose it is? It has rolled down the slope.

Ah, it must be that Ojousan's, she's restlessly looking around.

Well then, well then, let's return it.

Yoikorasho, yokkoisho... I have a lot of heavy baggage, I can't quite advance, haa.

It can't be helped, I'm aged.

But, I will be living alone from now on, I have to be at least able to carry my things.

Haa, the slope is quite steep.

Eh?

What?

The surroundings around the children are glowing?

Ah, the light is up to my feet.....

Where is this?

I... I was moving out yesterday...

Right, my feet were glowing!

And then... I wonder what happened?

"Ah~ Would it be alright to begin?"

Kyaa!!

What? Who?

"Ah~ I'm the so-called God, but"

What? Scam? I don't have any money on me, you know?

"No, no, not a scam, but a genuine God"

I won't be deceived just because I'm an elder, you know?

"Like I said, I'm a genuine God. You have been dragged to a certain phenomenon and have passed away"

Eh, I have died? Even though I planned to live alone leisurely from now on. I could finally take it easy, you know? Even though I planned to do things I couldn't do before from now on.

"I'm sorry. Our country is facing a downfall, so we have summoned heroes from a different world"

Haa? What's that?

"The lower part of your body got swallowed up in the circle that summoned juveniles with power. They are safe because their entire bodies were summoned, however"

Eh? You have been saying since a while ago something about my lower part of the body being...

"Yes. It's inexcusable, but your body got crushed in your previous world, while only your soul and baggage has been summoned here"

So I have died, huh. Just a soul... N? The baggage?

"Yes. The baggage has also transferred here. That being the case, I will reconstruct your body, so won't you live over here?"

..... In a place where I don't know anyone? Alone? I know only Japanese, though.

"I will make it, so you understand all languages of this world"

Are hospitals here? I'm elderly, I have a chronic disease.

"Your body will be reconstructed, so you will be rejuvenated. I will grant you that kind of power. Right, right, this is a world of magic, what sort of power do you wish for?"

Magic!! It's a fairy tale, I see!!

Creating water or something would be convenient, don't you think?

"Then, I will make sure that you can use various things for convenient life"

Well, I look forward to it now. I was just about to live alone from today. I just have to think that the place has changed.

But, it will be lonely not being able to see my children and grandchildren.

"Please do your best, okay~ Ah, I have put all your baggage into your pocket so be sure to check it later, okay?"

Yes, yes.

Ah, somehow, I feel dizzy.....

I wonder where is this? The floor seems to be a stone paving, huh. It's cold.....

Ah, are those the desired juveniles? They appear to be senior high school students.

*Gasha* a heavy door opens and a person in gaudy garments..... So boastful. Yeah, that's right. You are the one who has summoned us, aren't you? It wasn't that God person.

"We are the ones who have summoned you, the King of Toal Country, Al Cole. Right now, our country is on the verge of crisis because of the Maou. By the command of God, we have summoned heroes from a different world. Those are you. If you defeat the Maou, the ring of return to your world will appear. Destroy Maou together with us!"

"How can you say something so selfish?"

"Can we really return?"

"Return us, return us immediately"

"We are unrelated, right? Return us back at once"

"Isekai summoning... is this a ranobe....."

"Me? A hero? Seriously?"

Maa, maa, it's a chaos. That's given, huh. I wonder what ranobe is? There seems to be an eager child as well. Will this be all right?

"Look at your status. There's a job, right? There's someone amongst you with a Hero job, right?"

Status? What's that?

Ah, those children, what are they doing? N? Is saying status open enough?

Status open

【Name】Koyu

【Age】60

【Job】Obaachan rolled up in a different world summoning

【HP】60

【MP】1000

【Magic Attribute】※ ※ ※ ※ ※

【Skills】Green Hands What's that, I wonder?

"Ah, I'm a Hero"

"I'm a Saint"

"Holy Knight"

"....."

Everyone is lively, huh.

"The elderly over there. Are you a hero too?"

"That, I seem to be just an "involved obaachan""

"What? Just a normal person? What do you want to do? Do you want to work in the kitchen until the heroes reveal the ring of return?"

"That, it doesn't look like I will be able to help with anything, I would rather cultivate fields in some rural area, would that be alright?"

"Yosh, all right. We will prepare compensation, so go work in the village"

"Thank you very much. I will set out immediately"

I inquired from gatekeeper about various locations in the town and left the castle. Immediately.

On the verge of crisis? What a joke. Dressed in such tasteless clothes. Bulging with fat. Together with us? That's not it, right? How about you fight on your own?

Maa, I'm just a grandma. I can't fight, so I should become a servant? How obvious.

First of all, I have to leave the town and find a way to live in a rural village.

Gatekeeper-san told me to find a guild first. Guild, guild.....

Ara, a bakery? Don't you have some appetizing bread?

I wonder how much it costs? I have received compensation, so I have some money to spend.

"Master, I was wondering how much this bread costs?"

"It's written below. Baasan can't read? It's two coppers"

"I'm sorry, my vision got bad with age. I have only silver on me. Can you give me five?"

"Can't be helped then"

I can read, but I don't understand the units. I wonder how far I can go as a granny.

This bread looks like German rye bread. It's a bit sour, but it's delicious when thinly cut and toppings. I like this kind of bread.

Right, right, I was going to the guild, weren't I? I got more forgetful with age.

"Master, I wonder where the guild is? I have forgotten and lost my way. Could you tell me please?"

"Haa, Baasan are you okay? What business do you have in the guild?"

"I thought of moving to somewhere in the countryside. I wanted to request an escort"

"Somewhere..... Baasan..... have you thought about it a little? That's impossible for you"

Yes... I want to leave this country because I have thought about it. But, right, huh. Asking without knowing where would be difficult.

Right, if I say I want to recuperate in the countryside, I may be able to find out about health resort.

"Could you tell me about a quiet recuperation place around here? I have just arrived to this country and don't know much"

"You are a foreigner? Have you come alone?"

"That's right. I did not want to stay in the country my husband and son died in. I got on a carriage with fellow passengers, but I don't know where's what now that I arrived"

"You are doing something so dangerous I can't just watch anymore. Wait for a moment. I will have our boy guide you to the guild. Once there, show this letter to the receptionist Anna. She will help you out"

Maa, how kind. Thank you very much.  
I bow to the kind master of the bakery.  
The bakery's young master accompanied me to the guild.  
By the way, what kind of shop the guild is, I wonder?

"Obaachan, that person with red hair is Anna"

Hou, hou, what a beautiful red hair.  
Then, let me take out the letter the baker-san has written for me.

"I would like for an escort to a wonderful health resort, would you mind looking at this?"

"According to Iglan-san's letter, you want to rest for a while, so either an inn or rent a house, in a recreation area. Have you thought how long you want to stay and how much is your budget?"

The red-haired Anna-san spreads a map and document with property information.

"This is a recreation area close to a lake Deraik. This area has calm climate, so it's popular with many nobles and good public order"

Yes, I think I'm going to spend my money.

"This is Tiylul which is near the Profound Forest. This is a town with numerous adventurers, but they also have onsen which is hot springs for medical treatment. The public order is more uneasy than in Deraik, but it's watched by the guild"

Onsen?! They have an onsen? It might be nice to be a bit far away.

"By the way, the period and budget..."

"The budget is 20 White Gold Coins for now. Although I have not decided on

staying period yet, the travel expenses and stay expenses are included in the budget. I'd like some guards to escort me to the town"

Un. I will think about it after I live there for a while.  
I'm already tired.

"Ha, white... gold... How many people will live there? By looking you are alone, but..."

"Yes. It's just me. I can finally live alone by myself"

Haaa...

N? I heard a very long sigh?

"That's dangerous. Extremely risky"

Uummm.

"I will be all right. I can do household chores one at a time. Cooking, cleaning, laundry. I'm already this old after all. I have enough experience"

"I don't mean that. It's dangerous to be alone. Employing someone might be better....."

Eh? I wonder if commoners? can't live alone?

"..... Then, about Deraik....."

"Let's go with Tiylul, please. What property is available? If possible, I would like something cozy with a garden or a field"

"Tiylul..... I understand. There are two, three available properties, so it might be better for you to see them directly. I will recruit the guards for you so could you wait for two or three days?"

"Ah, yes. Then, I will come the day after tomorrow. Ah, but....."

"What is it?"

"What should I do about today... Is there a good inn in the neighborhood?"

"?? You have not decided on an inn either... Wait a moment please"

*Sarasarasara.....*

"Please show this when you arrive at the inn. They will understand if you say



that it's Anna's introduction. Go out on the street, proceed on your right, take a right on the second corner, it will be the second house on your right. It's an inn called『Myao's Sleeping bag』"

Maa!? What a kind person.

"Thank you very much. You have really saved me"

I'm really tired. In various ways.

Then, let's go to the inn.

"Obaachan, are you going to Myao's? I will guide you there"

It appears the baker's boy was waiting for me.

"Thank you. Can I ask you to be my guide?"

"Un"

"I will leave it to you then"

Everyone is so kind..... my tears are likely to spill.....

I bow to Anna-san and come out of the guild.

"Obaachan, this way~"

"Please wait a moment. I can't walk too fast"

"Obaachan, do you want to hold hands? You will become a lost child again?"

Lo, lost child... am I being thought of as a child?

Can't be helped then. I certainly am like a lost child in this world.

I hold hands with the young master, and we walk towards the inn while talking about the bakery's popular menu.

When I showed Anna-san's introduction at the inn, they immediately guided me to a room.

I have paid 3 Silver for three days and after washing my hands and feet in the hot water...

I fell asleep on the bed before I noticed.

I was really tired.

☆☆☆ Bakery, Iglan's Mutter☆☆☆

What to say, what a dangerous Baasan. Neither a skirt nor pants, weird clothes of high-class looking fabric with no wrinkles. Polite speech and elegant movements. No, were they free? But, isn't it strange that she has no vigilance against people? Even though she wants to live alone, to get on a carriage so abruptly? Her eyes are so bad that she can't read anymore and yet she wants to recuperate on her own? Even her baggage is just one bag... Baasan abruptly took out a Silver coin from the bag. Why don't you use a purse? Maa, I had a glance of a Gold coin, so she has money on her, but. I guess she never thought of robbery.

Anna, I leave her to you. Please do something about her.

☆☆☆ **Guild, Anna's Mutter** ☆☆☆

That's too dangerous. You shouldn't be walking around by yourself!! I was sweating ice when you took out the White Gold Coins. I will be cautious of dangers when living alone, I can do the housekeeping as well, she said. I wasn't talking about how to live. Even though I was telling her, she could get scammed or robbed. Maa, ordinary people, wouldn't fall for something like that. Every commoner is like that. But she? Nai wa. I feel like she would nonchalantly offer all her possessions. Even though she looks like a noble Okusama... I can't be the only one who thinks that she should act more cautiously.

Maris, please properly guide her to the inn~ I'm counting on you!!

☆☆☆ **Bakery, Baker's son, Ten years old Maris** ☆☆☆

That Obaachan's hand was..... extremely soft. And warm. She politely talked with me. She said that Otousan's bread is very delicious. But, she's about to live alone. She was speaking with a lonely tone. She said that her husband and children passed away. She said she's going to live alone from now on leisurely. Will she be really all right? She looks like she will become a lost child instantly. Even when coming to our bakery, she followed after the scent and forgot that she was on her way to the guild.

Obaachan, will you really be all right?

## Chapter 2

Ah, I slept well. Where is this... Ah, that's right, I came to a different world. Shin-chan... I want to see you... Uun. I have already died, didn't I? At that place. I have caused you trouble. Maa, you already have a husband, so you will be all right even without me worrying about you. Let's assume that the wedding of my grandchild went well.

Now then, what should I start with today?

First, let's confirm the baggage. God-sama? said he put it in my pockets, but. I also have to check the money in my bag.

Although I have received 2 Gold Coins and 5 Silver Coins as compensation, there were over 50 White Gold Coins when I paid for the bread at the bakery for some reason... I wonder who gave it to me? God-sama? It can't be helped, can it? Perhaps it's part of the money I carried on the passbook while moving. He must have noticed that. Nice one, God-sama.

I forgot. I can't live without money, can I?

Pocket, pocket... Ah, this is it? While searching with my hands and imagining pocket, I found it. Can I take it out, I wonder? I carried quite a lot. Because the billboard said it could carry ten days worth, I bought it on impulse. That reminds me, I have to change. Even though I sweated so much yesterday, I was so tired I fell asleep without changing. Yoishotto.

It came out. The carry-on. Somehow, it feels really out of place in this world. Oh, well. God-sama left it as is so no one will probably complain. I crammed a lot inside. Clothes, washing tools, cosmetics, medicine, snacks, and flavorings. I mean, I wanted my home town's department store's specialties. Brown cane sugar and honey, herbs, dried food, cookies, and jam. Seaweed salt, miso, malted rice, soup stock pack. Cookbook and home medicine book. Seeds I intended to plant in the garden.

I packed a lot, didn't I?

The miscellaneous can't be helped, it's me, after all.

Well, let's change clothes and have breakfast first. I have become quite hungry.

I returned the carry-on to the pocket. I should make shoulder string? for the bag. It will become easier to carry.

Ah, would it be better to divide the money a bit? Let's leave the 50 White Gold Coins and one Gold Coin in the pocket and wrap the rest in the scarf. Having 1 Gold Coin, Silver Coins, and Copper Coins in the bag at hand should be enough.

If it costs 3 Silver for three nights, Gold Coins should be about ten times that. I have thought that I could buy only five loafs of rye bread with 1 Silver since I one cost 2 Coppers, but *jarajara* change was returned. I wonder if someone could teach me the units?

Kyu~kurukuru...

It looks like my stomach reached the limit. Which reminds me, I have not eaten since yesterday morning. I didn't get to eat in the castle, in the guild, not even in the inn...

Let's go to eat. What does this world offer? I'm looking forward to it~  
The first floor of the inn looks like a dining room. A delicious fragrance is floating around.

"Good morning. Would you like to eat~"

The inn's mistress calls out to me.

"Yes. What kind of meals do you have?"

"Mornings are bread and soup"

Eeh, the menu is just that?

"Then, I will take that please"

First of all, I lower my head and request.

"Right away"

What she brought me was soup? in a wooden bowl full of ingredients. The broth was on a scarce side. Also, a thin slice of rye bread.  
Looking around, the soup seems to be eaten while scooping it out with a spoon-like tool, and the bread torn to pieces and soaked in the soup.

My first different world meal. Fufufun. I scooped potato?-esk thing and ate.

Un, it's a potato, it's brown, though. This is? Ah, carrot-ish. It's pure white, though. How about the meat~ Pork? I guess. It tastes bland, though. I wonder if salt is the only ingredient. It's boiled well, but... Ah, bread soaked in the soup is delicious. A slight sour taste follows after the saltiness. But... I feel a bit hypertensive. Let's dip the bread only a bit. I wouldn't like to die again before getting to live leisurely.

*Mokiyumokiyumokiyu...*

There's taste when I bite and chew, but it's hard. It can't be helped, I'm an elderly. I still have all my teeth, but... I prefer soft things. I bring moisture in the mouth full of bread.

The beverage seems to be an ordinary water. It's morning, after all. But, even if not liquor, I would like tea. I don't see anyone drinking tea around, that means either that tea is expensive, or there's no custom of drinking tea.

Let's look for herbs earlier than planned. I want to drink tea. I won't say green tea or black tea. I want to at least drink herbal tea. Coffee as well, if possible... If they don't have that, roasting beans for a coffee substitute would be fine as well.

This is an urgent business. My life depends on it!!

I have decided to look around the market today. For the healing of my leisure life.

"I'm going out. Do I return the key to you?"

The inn's mistress was at the inn's entrance, so I call her and ask.

"Yes, where are you going today? What are you going to do about dinner?"

Ah, I was already asked about the dinner. That means lunch is going to be outside. Un.

Because I will be most likely tired in the evening, I answered that I would eat the dinner at the inn.

Let's look for a book or something to learn about this world. Also, do shopping at the market. Eat a lunch... There are many things to do, but I have no idea where to go.

..... How troubling.

Ah, that's right. Don't I have to just request for a guide in the guild?

That being decided, let's hurry to the guild.

..... Un, I can't get inside the guild. There are too many people. Well-built people are going in and out. Umm. What to do.....

..... ... Ah... That...

... Excuse me~ ...

Un? I hear a voice from behind.

"Yes? What is it?"

When I turn around... Nobody's there...

*Tsuntsun.* I feel pulling on my skirt. N? Maa, isn't that Maris-kun?

# Chapter 3

Ara, isn't that Maris-kun?  
Does he need something from me?

"Maris-kun, good morning"

"Obaachan, good morning. Do you need something from the guild? Would you like to go in?"

Maa, he understood well.

"That's right. There's something I need a little help with. But you see, there are so many people"

"The guild is overcrowded in the morning. The good requests are first come, first served"

"Maa, was that so? I can't come back again later..."

"Then, wait for a bit. You have something you need help with, right? I will call Anna-san over"

Maris-kun weaves through the crowd and enters the guild. It's good to be young, isn't it? That agile movement... that would be impossible for me.

"Koyu-sama, the arrangement is for tomorrow... do you have any urgent business?"

"Yes. I have a different request I would like to ask for today"

"Then, I will hear you inside. Please, come this way"

Ara, I was led to a different room than yesterday... I wonder why?  
Incidentally, Maris-kun is by my side. What a good child.

Because Anna-san has offered me a seat, Maris-kun sits beside me. It's a wooden bench. It took a bit of time to enter the guild which tired me out a little, so it really helps.

"What kind of request do you want to put out?"

"I would like to sightsee around the town, I would like to do some shopping,

visit the church, and I'm thinking of seeing the library. I would like to request a guard that could act as a guide and willing to carry my baggage"

"Sightseeing... is it... I understand. So, a guard for the day, it is. That will be 5 Silver"

"5 Silver, is it? Yes, then let's go with that"

"Could you wait for a moment, please? I will post the request. May I talk to you concerning the tomorrow's schedule during the wait?"

"Yes. I understand"

I hope the guards would be found soon. Time is precious.

"Obaachan, where do you want to go? I will guide you?"

Maris-kun, how kind you are. But you see, I would like someone to carry my things.

"Thank you. But, I would like to shop. The baggage will most likely be too heavy, I'm sorry. I'm really happy for your kind thoughts, though"

"Uun. I just said it selfishly. But, where do you want to go?"

"Ufufu. The market, right? Church? Also, is there a library? Ah, could you teach me something? The units of money over here. I'm not from here, so I don't know well. Do you know about money?"

I remembered when talking about places I want to visit. That I don't understand the units of money yet. Although I have a lot, I don't even understand how much I really have. I would be troubled if someone ripped me off. Even though I intend to go to the market now. I'm glad that I met only kind people yesterday, but. It's not like I will come across only kind people from now on.

I have realized just now. I was too absentminded until now. All this time after meeting that God-sama.

I was hurrying, so I talked quite fast. Maris-kun is looking at me blankly. Ah, what to do?

"You want to know about money? Anone, Iron, and Copper, and Silver, and Gold and....."



Maris-kun politely taught me.  
From what I heard,

Iron Coin = Children's pocket money  
Copper Coin = Iron Coin x10 (One thin slice of rye bread)  
Big Copper Coin = Copper Coin x10  
Silver Coin = Big Copper Coin x10  
Big Silver Coin = Silver Coin x10  
Gold Coin = Big Silver Coin x10  
Big Gold Coin = Gold Coin x10

He apparently has never seen White Gold Coin before so he doesn't know.

Two parents and two children can live on 1 Gold and 2 Silver, tte..... I wonder if I made a mistake..... because it feels like 1 Copper is 10 yen. Un. A White Gold Coin in the previous world..... 200... million yen... I didn't have that much in my passbook.

I had about 5 million... there's the house, pension, and also the bank deposit. I finally understand Anna-san's『That's dangerous』... I'm a dangerous person, aren't I? No, no, I really didn't have such intentions~

Well, it already happened so it can't be helped. Let's be more careful from now on. Un.

☆☆☆ **Ten years old Maris, discovered a person in front of the guild** ☆☆☆

Are? Isn't that Obaachan from yesterday? What is she doing? Even though it's dangerous to loiter in front of the guild.

Ah, see? She bumped into adventurer-san. If you have a business, you should go in right away. Don't keep peeking inside, hey, that's dangerous.

"Ano. Obaachan? That's dangerous"

"Nee, Obaachan. Anone, if you want to enter you should just go in"

Does she not hear my voice?

"Excuse me~"

Un, it looks like she doesn't hear me. Will she notice if I pull on her clothes?

"Yes, what is it?"

It looks like she doesn't see me. Over here. I pull on her skirt once more.

"Maris-kun, good morning"

As expected, she talks politely even to a child like me.

From what I heard, she wants to enter the guild, but she's not able to because there are too many people. But, it's always like that in the morning, though. First of all, I decided to call Anna-san. I slipped through the adventurers and had the person on the reception call Anna-san for me.

"Anna-san, morning. It seems the Obaachan from yesterday has some matter to discuss, but she's unable to enter. It appears she wants to put up some kind of request"

"Koyu-san came? Where?"

"She's loitering in front of the guild... It looks like she doesn't know how to call out to everyone. She has strange clothes, different from yesterday, she looks to be a person of a foreign country"

"Strange clothes..."

"Un. I think it's a skirt? Uun, it looks like pants? But, it's made of a dress-like fabric. It's fluttering in the wind"

Anna-san has guided Obaachan through the staff door to a room, but she immediately went out to post the request.

She wants a guide and baggage carrier because she wants to do shopping. Would I be able to do it, I wonder?

I have asked, but it appears that Obaachan wants to buy a lot. It seems that I'm not good.

tte, while chatting... I found something unexpected. She doesn't understand the value of money.

Obaachan..... Will you be really all right?

☆☆☆ **Guild, Anna's Mutter**☆☆☆

"Anna-sa~n. The bakery's Maris-kun has something to talk with you~"

My coworker Biri has called out to me while I was making arrangements for the yesterday's outrageous request. Mou, even though I'm so busy.

Preparations of the carriage, selection of adventurers, place to stay en route,

food..... There are so many things to do.

Because she has money, I have to make sure that her trip is as safe and as comfortable as possible. There's the guild's face to uphold.

But, well. I could take a break for a bit to cool down. There must be no mistakes, after all. Taking a break may be just right.

"Maris-kun, morning. What is it?"

"It seems the Obaachan from yesterday has some matter to discuss, but she's unable to enter"

Eh. The one from yesterday. Koyu-san?

"Koyu-san came? Where?"

Loitering in front of the guild..... strange clothes.....

Umm. A usable private room...

Koyu-sama's appointment is for tomorrow. When I asked if she had some urgent business, it turned out to be a shopping and sightseeing, she even wanted to see the library. Then, guard and a guide... Commoners don't visit library too often, though. Well, someone with a magic job should be fine. Is there someone available now?

Right, I should ask the tomorrow's team. They could introduce themselves and get used to her. This is just right.

I can trust them if it's the team『Vanveil』, un. Let's push it on them. This heavy heart stone.

Hahaha.

Anna has broken a little.

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**Obaachan's current outfit:** Japanese turtleneck sweater, wide pants, leather sneakers, long cardigan.

# Chapter 4

The guard and the guide Anna-san has introduced to me are part of the guards that I will be traveling tomorrow with.

It's just two people today, but it appears there will be five tomorrow.

The guide is Iris-san, a blue-eyed, blonde-haired, slender woman. Woah gorgeous?

The guard is Shien-san, a tall, short-haired man. For a beige to look this gentle. I should have done some coloring too.

The two turned out to be friendly people after talking to them for a while.

I have decided to visit the church first.

The church looks like an ordinary Christian church. The roof is in a shape of a spire with chairs lined inside in rows.

What's different are the statues of several Gods in the center that are one step higher. I wonder if you pray to them one by one? I will line up as well. I have received money, and my carry-on was placed in my pocket, after all.

『God-sama, thank you very much for the time being. There are many things I don't know, but I will do my best to live little-by-little』

Fuu. It seems you have been able to change your feelings.

Ha!? What?

I heard some sound.....

『Koyu-san, do your best, okay? Also, you can use magic, but don't go practicing in the middle of the town, alright? Also, there's an Infinite Storage in your pocket, but you can't put living things inside. It has a large capacity, but you can't show it to other people, okay? Also, you can confirm status in your head.....』

Quite a long reply was returned.....

Err. Un. I won't practice magic. I won't stuff people in my pockets. I will prepare clothes of this world. I won't flaunt the money. .... I couldn't remember it all.

Let's pray again when I arrive at the new town.

Now then, it's almost noon. Let's have lunch somewhere.

There was a stall at the market. Meat grilled on iron plates, fruit juice, thin slice of rye bread.

There are no vegetables. Boiled greens~ Want to eat~ Maa, I'm probably asking for too much.

Though I wanted to visit the library too, I came at the wrong time. To leave right after entering!! What kind of torture is this?!

After that, I shop at the marketplace. I want fruit and vegetables. I can eat them anytime if I have them on me. Meat..... Just a bit is fine.

Ah, if they have chicken meat, I will buy!!

I would like fish too...

N? It's all food? What about it?

You can't live without eating~

*Kyorokyoro, chorocho.*

I went this way to shop. I went that way to shop.

Ah, I was told to buy some clothes too.

*Kyorokyoro?* N? Nai wa. There's no clothes shop.

"Koyu-san, what are you searching for?"

Iris-san. What a good question~

"I wanted to buy clothes, but I can't find a shop"

"Clothes, is it? Excuse me, but an order must be placed for clothes Koyu-san wears, there's not enough time?"

Eh. There are no ready-made products?

"Are there no mass produced clothes? Also, farming clothes or such"

"Clothes are mostly made at home. Also, clothes that you have small become hand-me-downs, so nearly all sold clothes are secondhand"

"Then, let's go to a secondhand shop. Please, show me the way"

"You want to buy secondhand clothes?"

"Yes! Because I was warned that it would be dangerous for me if my clothes are not in line with the surroundings"

Iris-san has a questioning expression. However, I can't tell you who told me that. I'm really sorry.

There's a secondhand shop. There is, but... there isn't. Clothes that I'm likely to wear.

There are no clothes. Because elderly don't sell used clothes. Un. Because they wear clothes until they fall apart, right? It becomes a dustcloth afterward.

It can't be helped then. I will make clothes myself.  
I can buy fabrics, so I can at least make a skirt and a blouse, right?

"Take me to a fabric shop, please. Also, it would be good to buy yarn. Two pairs of shoes would be nice too"

In the end, I bought raw cotton fabric, raw wool yarn, several ordinary threads, and needles. I also bought scissors and a small knife.

There was a robe in a luxury store about to be canceled, so I bought it to substitute the cardigan. People probably didn't like the color. It's like gray mixed with yellow and green. I like it, though. I thought it was very chic. It's like the color of the past, **kikujin**.

I have bought a lot. When I looked back, I saw the quiet Shien-san buried in baggage.

Not only his both hands, but baggage hung from his shoulders and even his neck.

Ah, what to do.....

First of all, I had him bring it to the inn.

I'm really sorry. I will be more careful next time.

☆☆☆ **Adventurer, Iris's Muter**☆☆☆

Yesterday, there was designated request to our team.  
It's to bring a rich Okusama to the hot-spring village Tiylul. Of course, while guarding. However, because she's alone, we must substitute for her attendants. It's a pretty expensive work. It will be a one-month round trip, but it seems we

will be able to live for a full year just from that.

Tiyul, huh. There seemed to be something wrong with the dungeon the last time we were there. Although I don't usually feel pain, I occasionally feel an uncomfortable sensation on my neck. Although I have not informed my companions, they probably noticed. Because they seem to be declining hard requests as if not to overstrain me. Nevertheless, since they have accepted this request, the profit won over. Ah, shouldn't I just use the hot-springs myself?

I thought that I would be able to indulge in Onsen after taking care of a selfish Okusama for half a month.

While preparing for the travel, we got contacted by the guild. Okusama wants to sightsee and shop. Eeh~ babysitting for one day more? Aaah, can't be helped. It seems to be a separate request fee. Patience, patience.

When we met, it was a plumpish old lady.  
In the church, she joined her hands and prayed seriously.  
At the market, she bought vegetables and fruit for the travel, she ate the same lunch as us (delightfully), she abruptly said she wanted to buy clothes, then ended up purchasing a large amount of fabric, yarn, and sewing tools. Does she intend to take it with her on the travel?  
I didn't say anything since she's a client, but.

She's not selfish, but chorocho, chorocho...

I would like you to be obedient in the carriage. I plead you.

☆☆☆ **Adventurer, Shien's Mutter** ☆☆☆

The Baasan we are escorting tomorrow is a weird person.  
We got in touch from the guild for an introduction? I was supposed to be a guard for the day, but I wasn't able to guard because of the baggage. Guards normally need both hands to be free, but she hung up the baggage on my shoulders for some reason. Maa, Iris was there too, so nothing would really happen when it comes to it. Carrying lots of baggage, while wary of surroundings and releasing coercion at those trying to do evil.  
I'm quite tired.

Well, whatever, but what does Baasan to plan with that baggage? We are

going to travel, right?



# Chapter 5

I was greatly perplexed by the number of items in front of me that I have brought to the inn's room.

Right, it's not something to do before traveling.

What to do... Ah, God-sama said that I could put a lot in the pocket, didn't he?

Then, wouldn't it be alright just to wrap them in cloth by type?

I take out two large wrapping cloth and a scarf from the carry-on, wrap the food and fabrics into the wrapping cloth, sewing tools, and accessories into the scarf and put them into the pocket. Enter, enter... how convenient~ I don't need to worry about baggage like this. Ah, I was told not to show to other people.

First of all, let's eat a dinner because my stomach is empty.

When I arrived at the dining room, the mistress has called out to me.

"Customer, would you like to eat ~ immediately? Is ale fine for the drink?"

What is an ale? But, I'm tired of water.

"Yes, please"

Now then, the first dinner in a different world. It has been a long time since I was this excited.

A really big hard meat is in front of me. What should I do with this, I wonder? It's slightly larger than my palm and at least 5cm thick! I won't be able to eat all of that...

Also, a boiled brown potato(I know they are potatoes because they were in the breakfast's soup). It rolls around the plate... together with a white carrot...

Do people of this world normally eat so much, I wonder? I don't want to leave leftovers, but. Tears are coming out.

An ale poured in a large wooden beer jug... I understood by seeing. It's beer, isn't it? I'm more or less fond of alcohol, but drinking this much is impossible.

In front of the food arranged on the table...

Someone, save me, please... My tears came out.

"C, customer?! What is the matter?"

Mistress who saw me burst into tears cried out in panic.

"I can't finish this. It seems I will leave leftovers. What should I do?"

I ask the mistress while crying.

"Y, your meal wasn't lacking?"

She says in a startle.

Eh? I didn't some something like that. Substantively, the breakfast was just about the right amount.

"My husband saw you buying a lot of food at the market. He was sure that you didn't have enough for breakfast... We were told by Anna to be courteous too..."

I, I was seen shopping..... I felt so embarrassed I looked down. My tears stopped all too soon.

The two people turned silent.

As if the time stopped... Someone, please save us from this atmosphere.

"Baasan, should I eat half?"

A person speaks to me while laughing... Ah, isn't that Shien-san? I'm saved~

"Could you eat two-thirds? Also, the ale too. I can't drink this much"

After asking the mistress, she split the food and handed the ale to Shien-san. I received only a half of a small cup of ale.

"I have caused you trouble, I'm terribly sorry"

"No, no, we are sorry for misunderstanding..."

"No. I'm at fault. I have not told you that what I bought was for a tomorrow's trip. I'm terribly sorry for bringing food to the inn without consent"

Right, I brought food to the ryokan and was scolded. My husband was busy at that time, wasn't he?

"Baasan, you plan on taking all of that with you? You bought quite a lot, the raw food will rot"

Shien-san asks.

"It's all right, I have put everything into my bag"

"Ha? You have a magic bag? Then, you didn't have to make me carry that..."

"I had just forgotten"

I wonder what magic bag is?

But, if such thing exists, I may deceive them with the pocket.

The meal while chatting was Shien-san was very delicious. It has become slightly more cheerful thanks to the alcohol.

It seems we will have an enjoyable traveling tomorrow.

It's just hard because there's no bath. Because I have received a basin with hot water today as well, I have wiped my body with a towel.

Because I have only one more set of underwear, I did laundry in the basin. I want soap. I have only a face-washing soap at the moment.

Let's look for various things when things calm down.

I have become sleepy. Good night.

☆☆☆ 《**Myao's Sleeping Bag Inn**》's couple's conversation ☆☆☆

An important customer, an elderly lady Koyu-sama has been introduced to us by Anna-san. She looked really tired yesterday, so she went to sleep without eating. She ate the breakfast in the next morning, but she ate while occasionally tilting her head. But, the soup was left.

She left the inn quite early, I wonder where she went?

She said she would eat the dinner at the inn, so she will return.

"You, you told me to carry that person's things out of the room. There's nothing"

There wasn't anything when she entered the room for cleaning?  
Was she unsatisfied with something? Which reminds me, she was restlessly looking around and tilting her head during the breakfast, wasn't she? Was that not to her liking...

"I'm going to the market to get the ingredients"

I saw Koyu-sama at the market. She ate meat and fruit water wholeheartedly.

As expected, was it not good without seasonings?

I came across Koyu-sama again later. She bought vegetables, fruits, and chicken meat. Moreover, in a massive amount. Amount!! The amount wasn't enough!

Let's serve her the dinner properly. Right, let's serve some beverage too.

When Koyu-sama returned to the inn, she had more things than when I saw her at the market. Enough to render the famous adventurer Shien-san invisible. After entering the room, Koyu-sama didn't leave for quite some time. When the drinking people increased, and it became noisier, she came down.

Yosh, let's make her satisfied this time.

Koyu-sama burst into tears?...

W, what happened, I wonder...

"I didn't know what to do"

"Yeah, to think that she would cry"

"Not that, why didn't you show up immediately?"

"Sorry. My body couldn't move"

"Right, I didn't think she would cry because there was too much food, but how did you make such misunderstanding?"

"No, you would think that too if you saw that amount. She bought way more than what we have prepared"

"Ha?"

"Besides, the roasted meat she bought was enough for three people"

"Eh?"

"Thinking about it now, it must have been share of the adventurers that were with her"

"Did she buy it herself?"

"She bought it herself"

We could only exchange glances and sigh.

Where did the meaning of escort go~!!

# Chapter 6

Hafuu.....

Uun..... Yokkoisho.....

I don't want to get any older. I have to make sounds just while getting up from the bed.

I wonder if I was too frolic yesterday and moved too much? It was the first time in a while. Since I shopped and had lunch with someone. It was very fun.

Now then, let's change clothes and get going. The pants are chestnut color long skirt-like pants. I wonder if it's not too different from what people in the town wear. The top is camel high-neck sweater.

I should put the cardigan on until I go out.

Well, let's have breakfast.

"Good morning, Mistress"

"Good morning, Koyu-sama"

Are? Her wording is different from the usual? Why? Sama?

"Where would you like to eat? Shall I take it to your room? Also, I'm sorry for being impolite yesterday"

"No. It's me who showed you something so unsightly. I'm very sorry"

"So are we. We have troubled Customer-sama"

"No, that was my fault. I'm sorry"

"No, no, Customer-sama doesn't need to be considerate. I'm really, really sorry"

.....

Two people bicker at the dining room's entrance. They look at each other and laugh. Fufu.

"I'm truly sorry. By the way, the breakfast....."

"Ah, forgive me. Where would you like to eat?"

"I will eat here. I will take a seat and wait, okay?"

"Is fruit water fine for the drink?"

"No, tea or hot water if possible"

"Tea, is it..... I'm terribly sorry. Our place..... I will bring you some hot water"

"Thank you very much. I will be troubling you"

Looking around, there is a vacant two-seater in the corner of the room.  
Shall we eat leisurely?

After a short while of waiting, the breakfast was carried in. The same soup and rye bread as yesterday. And I have prepared that this morning. Fufu. Tomato puree! One of the things I bought at product exhibition. Actually, it's one of the things I bought for the country life. I thought it could become the standard for the tomatoes I would raise and boil down.

But you see, as expected, I'm getting tired of the same taste. There was something similar to a tomato at the market, so something like this wouldn't be strange in this world?

I have also found small earthenware pots with a lid so I bought a few. Yes, I thought about it carefully. To spend my time in this world as similarly to the residents as possible. I take out the tomato puree which I repacked into the pot. Two spoons into soup.

Un, tomato's good tasting acidic taste has mixed with the saltiness.

Delicious!! Ah~ Happiness. If it's like this, I can expect the bread to taste good as well. Un. Delicious!!

But, if I eat it all, I may consume too much salt. If Insurance Lady-san were here, she would definitely scold me. Let's endure and leave a bit of soup. If it's this much, my life surely won't become wasteful, right? Husband.

Although the bread was difficult to eat, as usual, it went down easier thanks to the hot water.

It's my favorite bread because I feel both acidity and sweetness when I chew. A simple taste..... Shin-chan, you could only eat such bread, didn't you..... When you were small.

Remembering my grandchild makes me feel a little downcast.

"Thank you for the meal"

I join my hands and appreciate the meal. After doing that, my mood quickly returns.

I tell Mistress that it was delicious and return to my room to make preparations for the departure. I drain the scattered hair around the pillow and the water I used for the laundry down the toilet and change the cardigan for the robe.

Oh yeah, the toilets in this world are simply flushed with water. After doing the deed, you flush it with water in a pot next to the toilet. I'm just glad it's not a pot toilet.

Saa, let's go on the trip!!

"I'm indebted to you. I have caused you many troubles. I'm truly sorry. It's a meager amount, but I would like you to accept it for the inconveniences I have caused"

I have handed Mistress a slight tip. Now then, let's go to the guild.

Ara, this is. Iglan-san's bakery. Let's buy bread for lunch.

Umm, how many people were there in total again?

"Good morning, Iglan-san. Could you divide bread a little for me, please?"

Five black rye bread, umm..... 10 Copper coins. That's probably the right amount?

I held out the money.

"Hoi, it's five. Thanks. It's not wrong"

After the greetings, Iglan-san looked at me with uneasy expression, but it seems I was correct. I feel relieved.

"I'm departing today. Please convey Maris-kun my gratitude, okay? He was very kind to me. You have a good son"

I convey my gratitude for Maris-kun whom I can't see and leave the bakery.

Saa, let's go to the guild.

☆☆☆ 《Myao's Sleeping Bag》 Couple's Conversation ☆☆☆

Koyu-sama who was introduced to us by Anna-san from the guild left today.

Haa..... I sit down in the chair as if my tension thread was snapped. Even though there are still many customers.

The regular customers clap on our shoulders and leave.

Also, the customers who were here yesterday shrug their shoulders and return to their rooms.

I'm seriously exhausted!! If the guest of honor which was introduced by guild evaluates us positively, they will introduce another guest to us again.

However, she was always polite without complaining. Several times I'm sorry and excuse me..... That's essentially what we are supposed to do.

A cozy room. Delicious meals. Serving with a smile.

Because we are busy every day, I wonder if we were not courteous enough? Did we satisfy the customer? I'm forced to think.

I feel like being taken back at the times where we began this inn.

Let's start all over again starting today. No matter who, let's make it a place customers would love to return.

"Dear, look at this plate"

N, this plate from the meal Koyu-sama was eating. What, the soup is red! What is this red soup? I put a finger in and lick. It's sweet and delicious..... I can feel acidity as well..... T, this tastes like Mate.

"Oi, it have you seen Koyu-sama put something in the soup?"

"I feel like I have seen a small pot, but....."

"Try licking it, I feel that it's probably Mate, but"

"Yeah!! This is Mate"

"Doing something with Mate..... will make soup so delicious....."

"Koyu-sama....."

"Let's complete this taste before Koyu-sama comes again!"

"Koyu-sama has taught us an unknown taste, didn't she?"

Koyu-sama, thank you very much. I will complete this taste, this soup when you visit us next.

With this gold coin, you gave us.

☆☆☆ **Bakery, Iglan's Mutter** ☆☆☆

The granny from the day before yesterday came early in the morning. Today,



she's wearing a brown shirt and skirt, under a gray robe. Someone must have cautioned her about her clothes. The rich-person aura around her hasn't changed yet, though. Her tone was stupidly overpolite as ever. Ou, she's going on travel today? Anna said she arranged A-Rank guards for her. Then, it will be alright.

N? Maris? Ou, he's a good child, right? He's sensible and smart. And gentle. I know. I will tell him.

Rather than that Baasan, there are not only good people in the world. Be careful.

# Chapter 7

I have already gotten used to the crowd. I shall enter the guild by myself this morning..... Un..... There's Shien-san and Iris-san in front of the guild.

"Good morning, Shien-san, Iris-san"

"Morning, you were able to come without losing your way"

"Shien-san, thank you very much for yesterday. But, I wasn't lost yesterday. I just couldn't enter"

"No, no, no. Baasan was definitely lost"

Shien-san which I thought to be taciturn is talkative. Did he get used to talking during the dinner?

"Are? I've heard from Maris that you were a lost child, so he brought you along to the guild, though?"

Shien-san grins. Moo!! I have ended up scowling at him.

"Oh?! Coercion? Baasan, stop glaring at me~"

Fufu. I'm victorious. That person also did it well, didn't he? It was one of his special skills. It's scary when people who are not angry get angry. Remember that, alright?

"Somehow, your relationship is really good?"

Ara, Iris-san must feel as if she has been left out. I'm sorry.

"He had accompanied me for dinner yesterday. That's why"

"Anna calls. There"

Oya, an unfamiliar person.....

"Ivar,《Vanveil》scout"

This is some taciturn way of speech again.

"Ivar-san? Please, treat me well"

Ivar-san who nodded is a slender person with short gray hair. The height is

not so high..... About the same as my grandchild. About 165cm I would say.

Ivar-san feels small compared to Iris-san and Shien-san . They are not so young. Probably.

Guided by Ivar-san, we arrive at the back of the guild.

There, two carriages are parked. Ara, isn't it a covered wagon? I thought Anna-san would prepare a small carriage.

"Because Anna didn't know that Baasan has a magic bag, she prepared this for all your baggage"

I would like you not to read my complexion.

"Shien-san knew since last night, right?"

"Yeah, since I knew I thought this would be good. Baasan, you wanted to take it easy, right?"

"I, I didn't really want to take it easy in a carriage"

"No, if it's Baasan, you definitely wanted to sleep in the carriage without having to stop"

"!!"

"Tiyul is far away, you know?"

"I hear it will not take less than a half a month?"

"N? I don't think you want to sit all that time"

I have been talked down. However, I certainly did want to take it easy. Un, I consent.

"Good morning, Koyu-sama"

After we finished talking, Anna-san has greeted me. Your wry smile is not concealed well, you know?

"Good morning, Anna-san. Please don't laugh, okay? I'm already embarrassed"

"No, no, you were charming? But, I didn't think that Koyu-sama would open up this much to Shien. I would understand if it were Iris, but"

"I have remembered olden days a bit. I have talked like this with my son"

"Please, forgive me. Have I reminded you something painful?"

"Don't mind it. It's far in the past"

Right, right, something like that can't make me cry forever. I also enjoy discussions. Please, talk without hesitation.

"By the way, why here?"

"I have heard that you have a lot of baggage. It would be better to load them fi..... the baggage?"

Shien-san? He didn't tell you?

What a thing. I will glare..... glare.....

"No, stop it!!"

"You have something to say, right?"

"Ah~ Sorry"

"I don't think I should be the one to apologize to? You have wasted everyone's time!!"

"My fault. I intended it to be just a little mischief"

"I'm sorry. Please, let him off, okay?"

"Baasan has nothing to apologize for....."

Shien-san looked away and said.

"I think it's time? I would like to introduce the other members, but. I'm the leader, Elm. This huge one is Sapin. The one you met earlier is Ivar and the ones you met yesterday, Iris and Shien. Us five form the team《Vanveil》"

"Nice to meet you. Elm-san, Sapin-san, Ivar-san, Iris-san, Shien?"

"Why am I the only one with a question mark?"

"I wonder why?"

Grin, I glare at Shien-san, and smile at everyone else. I feel like I was laughed at by everyone because of you!! Mou.

"Since the introductions are over, Koyu-sama, Elm-san, let us go to the office, please. Others, please prepare for the departure"

Anna-san said while laughing. Laughing.....

In the office, I pay the promised advanced pay of five White Gold Coins. This will cover the costs of carriage, food, and the inns we will have to stay at en route. Of course, it includes the handling fee for the guild. The guards will be paid after safely arriving at the destination. The rest seems to be for the rent. I'm glad because it seems like various arrangements were made. Also, because it would be troublesome to do shopping with White Gold Coins, I have asked for a change to Gold, Silver, and Copper. I had almost ran out of small change.

Now then, let's go on a trip!!

☆☆☆ **Guild, Anna's Mutter** ☆☆☆

I, I did it. Just two days. Using high communication magic tools, I have secured a property in Tiylul. Carriage, horses, camping tools, food. It was terrible. I've heard from Iris that Koyu-sama has for some reason purchased a large quantity of food, so I switched the carriages. It really is terrible.....

Despite all of this, Koyu-sama is chattering with the unsociable Shien? Quarreling? Messing around?

Koyu-sama, please don't do anything strange. Safely, I ask you, please arrive safely. Everyone from Vanveil, I'm depending on you~

# Chapter 8

Going on a trip in a horse-drawn carriage. Life is wondrous, isn't it? Something like this would be unthinkable in that world. Nevertheless, this is quite shaky. My buttocks are hurting. There is some kind of fur pulled over the chair. It's not very effective. Oh well, shall I do some sewing or knitting since I have free time? First of all, let's make a cushion. Wouldn't making a cover and stuffing it with straw be enough?

U, using scissors in a shaky carriage seems difficult. Just a bit more and I had stabbed my hand. Iris has told me to stop because it's dangerous. Well, I don't want to get injured so let's stop for now.

I'm getting hungry. I'm thirsty as well.

We parked the carriage and decided to take a break. This early. I'm so sorry, it's because of me, isn't it? Watering flowers in a field like this..... We have traveled just a little bit..... so embarrassing.....

I decided not to worry about it.

Now then, it's time for lunch. Everyone took out their own dried meat, but..... Why dried meat? Let's have a delicious lunch? I take out fruit, rye bread, bacon (bought at product exhibition), raising butter (bought at product exhibition) from the pocket. Dry perilla as well.

I slice bread on the cutting board, spread raising butter on one side, and put fruit and bacon over it and slice it across. It's a simple sandwich. I ask for water and boil it, put dry perilla in a pot and make a pseudo herbal tea.

Haa, tea after so long. I'm Japanese after all, I feel somewhat warm and fluffy.

A, are? I wonder what happened? Everyone freezes with a sandwich in hands.....

They knew that I had bought foodstuffs in large quantity, yes?

There's no refrigerator, so raw bacon has to be consumed rather early.

..... Is it just my imagination that everyone's gaze hurts?

Sa, saa let's depart once again~

☆☆☆ **Conversation of 《Vanveil》 members** ☆☆☆

"Koyu-sama, that's dangerous. What do you plan to do by taking out scissors?"

"Koyu-sama, knitting needles are dangerous as well, please do that after getting accustomed to the carriage. Look at you, aren't you swaying?"

"Koyu-sama, bathroom, is it? Ah, you mean toilet. We will stand to watch nearby, so please use that bush. There is no danger. We have confirmed that"

"Water, is it? Just a little is fine? What do you want to do?"

"Koyu-sama, where did you take this food from? Isn't that fresh meat? Eh? This is a ham? It's pickled in salt, so it's okay to leave as is?"

"This is tea? The color is yellow, though. Ah, it makes one refreshed, doesn't it?"

"Koyu-sama, listen well, okay? Please, say in advance before you do something. So we can mentally prepare"

Koyu-sama..... Koyu-sama is Koyu-sama to the bitter end.  
She's restless even in the carriage. She's behaving suspiciously.  
She abruptly takes out scissors, she suddenly starts knitting with long sticks, and she wants to light a fire at lunch. Even though we have just departed.

"Leader and Ivar who were driving are good, right? You went without being aware of the noise inside"

"No, I was surprised. To take out raw meat, sandwich, and tea all of sudden"

"Bread, tasty. Tea, first time"

"Where did she take it out from? Scissors and the sticks as well as the food"

"Ah~hahaha"

The members talk in quiet voices.  
The travel still has a way to go.  
Right, this was just a small break after departure.

# Chapter 9

The feel continues everywhere..... It's all grassland, isn't it? Scenery with no change. It makes me sleepy.  
I shut my eyes while leaning on Iris (she asked me to stop with the –san). Hafuu.  
Just a bit, okay..... mu.....

*Gatagata, gashan.*  
W, what?

The carriage started moving fast all of sudden. I wonder what is going on?  
Iris took me to the inner part of the carriage and knelt in front of me.

*Basu!*  
An arrow pierced through the carriage's curtain.  
Eh?  
Are we being attacked?

"Iris?"  
"It's bandits. I will definitely protect you. Stay low like this"

*Basu, basu, basu.*  
Arrows.....

*Gasshan!!*  
The carriage has stopped.  
"Listen well. Please, stay still just like this"

Iris jumps out. Umm, what can I do?  
Although I don't know what is going on outside, Iris is shouting.

The carriage shakes.  
*Basa!!*

A hooded man lifts up the curtain.  
He grabs my arm and drags me out of the carriage. When I come outside, Iris collapsed.....



"Noo~!! Release me. Don't touch me!!"

I strike the man's hand and push him away..... ..

The man.....

Got.....

Blown away.....

W, what happened, I wonder?

Ah, now's not the time. Iris has collapsed.

When I rush up to her side, I see several men approaching.

"Don't come, any closer"

The wind arises and blows the men away.....

I wonder what is happening.

Maa, it looks safe for the time being.

Let's think about it later. Later. Un.

I have decided not to worry about it.

"Baasan, you okay?"

"I'm alright. Iris has..... what to do? Iris has....."

"I, I'm fine. I just feel dizzy"

"Elm? Eve?"

"Fine. Bandits. Captured"

"Sapin?"

"Not here"

"Not here....."

"I was hit from behind. While chanting"

"What is going on....."

Were we betrayed..... But, I felt no malicious intent at all.

"I think it's different"

Pafu. Shien puts his hand on his head.

"I think that he probably went to inform the town. They were many in numbers, it would be difficult to take them back. However, to be attacked this close"

"We are still close to the town?"

"We were advancing quite slow, so your body could get used to the carriage. Moreover, we have even taken a break, right?"

Which reminds me, although we have departed this morning, the preparations and payment were also done in the morning. And we had lunch just a while ago.

We are just a few hours out of the town?

"Convinced? He went with a horse, so he will probably return immediately accompanied by the town patrol"

Yes, I understand well. But, Iris?

"Iris, why did you go outside?"

"I felt that the carriage was elevated. As if the right side was floating"

"Was there anyone?"

"Because I thought so, I tried to cut them off around the back....."

"And your head was hit?"

"Uun. There was a fellow shooting arrows, so I wanted to shoot magic at him. Then, while chanting, I got hit from behind....."

"Then, I wonder if the bandit who came into the carriage was that person?"

""""Inside?..... """"

"He disappeared when I pushed him away, though"

""""D, disappeared?""""

"That's right. Then, when I tried to wake up Iris who collapsed, many unfamiliar people came from distance"

Right, I didn't know what to do at that time.

"They were blown off, weren't they?"

""""Haa?""""

"I wonder why? I'm glad since we were saved, though"

.....

I, is there something? I have a feeling that everyone is looking at me, but.

"Koyu-sama, are you able to use magic?"

"I have never used magic before. I think I'd like to give it a try, though"

"Do you have magical power?"

"Magical power? Not sure. I wasn't around people who could use magic"

"What about healing?"

"Doctors were looking after me?"

"Heal?"

"What is that?"

"It's a magic that cures sickness and heals the wound, you know? Eeh!!"

"I either took medicine or underwent an operation, you know? After that, I made sure not to get any more sickness"

"Fire? What about source of flames when camping?"

"I would normally use matches or a lighter"

"How do you illuminate a cavern?"

"Flashlight or torch?"

??????

It seems we can't understand each other. Then, shall I ask some questions now?

"Can I use magic as well?"

"I think you could if you have magical power, but"

"How do I know if I have magical power or not?"

"I think you should know if you look at status, but"

"Status, how do I look at it?"

"You look at it through magical power, but....."

"How do you use magical power if you don't know if you have magical power?"

"Eh!! Now that you mention it....."

"Baasan, try saying『Status Open』while thinking that you want to know about yourself"

Ara, I feel like I have heard those words somewhere before.

"『Status Open』tte, are. I can see something"

"You can see it? Then, do you see magical power or MP?"

"Ah, there"

"The number beside is the magical power amount. If it's too low, you can't use magic and you can if it's higher"

Err, I wonder if 900 is too little? I have never used it, though.

"I want to ask a little..... How much is normal?"

"I'm about 60 with a full tank. I'm not very good at it"

"I have a magic job, so mine is 200"

"Searching for the enemy, use. Always used. 300"

Eeh?!

"..... I have a bad feeling for some reason, but..... Baasan, how much?"

A bad feeling he says..... Well, I guess so. I have ended up shifting my gaze. I mean, I have remembered. That time. I have surely seen it at that time.

"..... N ....."

"N? I couldn't hear you. Sorry, once more"

"At the moment, nine hundred"

""""Haa?!""""

# Chapter 10

"900?"

Yes, at the moment. But, what I saw that time was 1000.  
I wonder why? Maa, there's not much difference between 900 and 1000.

"I will ask just in case, but was there an attribute?"

"I don't know about attribute, but there's something called Magic Attribute. But, I can't read it. Something is written there, but it's painted over. So strange~"

"..... Skill, do you have it?"

"I do. There's one called Green Hands"

"Ha? Never heard of such skill before"

"Is that so?"

"I guess so. Normally, it's like Ivar's Enemy Detection or mine Body Reinforcement"

"Iris doesn't have one?"

"I, I possess Light and Wind attributes, so that's that. But, I have never heard of Green Hands before"

Being like magician..... I feel..... like I want to give it a try. I wonder what kind of skills there are? Ivar said that his's is Enemy Detection, so he's able to search for enemies, right? I wonder if he knows of the enemies (bandits) even now? Umm, *kyorokyoro*..... Not. Searching? I wonder how it works?

Sneakily. Let's move to Ivar and stealthily ask.

"Baasan, don't selfishly move around"

H, how did Shien know?

"You are right in front of me, there's no way I wouldn't know"

Shien's head tightly follows me. Mou, isn't just a little alright? If I can't move, I

won't be able to ask Ivar.....

"Be obedient for now. Once we clean those guys up, Iris will teach you"

"A, ara. Really?!"

"Eh, me?"

"I'm bad at it, and Ivar has to watch the surroundings, right? Baasan, don't disturb Ivar"

"I understand"

*Wakuwaku.* Has the town patrol not arrived yet?

"Everyone is tied up. Ivar, look if there are no others around. As far as possible, please"

Leader Elm-san has finished tying up the bandits and has returned to us. But, does Leader-san need to tie them up by himself? I wonder why Shien doesn't help?

"Because Iris's head was hit, and Ivar has to look for enemies. It's my duty to protect you!!"

I mean, how do you know?

"It's written on your face"

A, am I that easy to understand.....

After Elm-san had inquired if I'm alright, he explained the situation. It appears that he understood that I did something. Even though I do not know. Anyhow, right now, we have no choice, but to wait for the town patrol. It seems we will be camping around here today. It's sort of like camping, I'm having fun. I had used to camp when I was young, didn't I? How nostalgic. Husband would lit up the fire, we would cook rice in the camping cookware, and make a curry. Since there seems to be time, shall I get the dinner ready? After I had proposed so, I prepared the stove. It's a bigger one than at lunch.

I take out food from my pocket which was wrapped in a cloth. What should I make? Because there's enough time, how about I make a stew as well?

I do have chicken meat, right? Also onions, carrots, potatoes, pumpkin, spring onion, ara, there also a flour. It's okay if it tastes similar.

I cut everything into bite sizes and put it in the pot. Shall I skim it until it boils? Ah, in the meanwhile let's put the flour and water in the wooden bowl and knead it. Into dumplings.

When it starts bubbling, open it up~ When the vegetables become soft, I split the dumplings into small pieces and throw it into the pot. Ara, they started floating. That reminds me, there should be miso in the carry-on.

I can't take the carry-on out..... I put my hand on the carry-on which is inside the pocket and search. I open the carry-on, miso, miso..... Is it this? Miso in a small wooden cask which I got at the product exhibition.

N~to, this much? I put in the miso. If I had miso filter, it would melt immediately. Maa, it can't be helped that I don't have one, right?

*Gu~rugu~ru* I slowly mix.

Is it done? A little taste. Un, delicious.....

..... ..

I, I'm being watched? How embarrassing. I'm not eating with hands, you know? Just ta, st, ing. The amount might have been a little larger, but it was just tasing~

I mean, miso's taste..... It has been a while.

☆☆☆ **Vanveil's Members** ☆☆☆

## **Shien**

Just as we have expected, there is a bandit attack. It's obvious that you will get attacked if you are rich person traveling alone.

The slowly advancing carriage outside the town is a very enticing target. After the break, we left Sapin behind and departed. Sapin went into hiding.

Elm and Ivar are in the driving seats. Baasan and Iris inside the carriage and I. Usually, one horse is enough to pull the carriage, but we are using two. We advance slowly, seemingly carelessly.

Ivar has detected the enemies. The number seems to be quite a lot. More than expected.

We return to the place where Sapin was hiding.

Arrows..... Is it not possible to get back there? Even though we are so close.....  
The carriage stops. We leave the insides to Iris and jump down.  
Elm and I cut the enemies down. The number of enemies gradually decreases.  
While hiding, Ivar defeats the enemy archers. I hope Sapin will be in time, but.  
What? Iris has jumped out from the carriage.  
Ah, eh? Baasan came out as if falling.

### **Elm**

..... A surprise attack. The hidden archers are disposed of one by one.  
Ha? Eh? A per, son..... flew over.....  
I bring them to trees. Tied up. Tied up..... finished. I come back.

Even though it went as planned, have we misread the number of enemies?  
It's unlikely that Sapin is still waiting.  
We have no choice, but to attack here. While giving Ivar a signal with my fingers, I ready my sword. I unfasten the metal fittings and let a horse escape.  
Saa, come and shoot us.  
I cut earnestly and reduce the enemy forces.  
When I was about to cut a person with my sword, something suddenly came flying and hit the opponent..... Both stopped moving. It was a person.  
Everyone in the surroundings is downed. Is it over? It was all too sudden, but.....  
Oh well, let's tie them up.

### **Sapin**

After the break, I stealthily slipped out and hid. There's no need to fight where enemies want you to, right?  
I erase my presence and lie hidden. .... ..  
N? The battle has already started. Pincer attack from behind is also good.  
A tied-up person is rolling. Suddenly, in the carriage's direction.  
Is Elm doing the tying up?  
"Looks like it has ended"  
"Yeah, sorry, could you retrieve the horse and let the town know? There's quite a lot, we might not be enough to bring them in alone"  
"Understood. I will be right back"

However, it ended too soon. I wonder what happened?

"Disappeared?"



"Blown away?"

"900?"

"Unknown skill?"

"Ha? Where did that food come from?"

"W, what is she making?"

"What did she put in?"

""""""I demand an explanation!!"""""

# Chapter 11

Although the dinner is already prepared. We can't still eat, right?  
Ah, right, right, let's prepare tea. Everyone seemed to enjoy it during the lunch.  
I pour water in a small pot and boil it. Once it boils, I insert the perilla in. I take it off the fire and let it cool off.

Is the town patrol still not here? Somehow, everyone's gaze.....

"Wait a little more, please"

"Yes. Would drinking tea be alright?"

"Ah, I want too"

That Shien. I wonder what about others? When I look, everyone nods. Un, un.  
Let's have a tea break.

I would like a tea strainer or a filter, but it can't be helped, they don't exist here, after all. I slowly pour tea into wooden cups and circulate to everyone. A warm, refreshing herbal tea. It should have a relaxing effect. It's not certain, you know? It's just something I had always thought.

The relaxing time passed for a while.  
The unruly feelings of battle already calmed down.  
We shouldn't lose focus, though.  
The feelings of leisure were born only in mind.

"Hey, Baasan. I would like to slowly talk afterward. Of course, with everyone.  
Is that fine? At this rate, we won't know how we should protect you"

"If Koyu-sama could accept that, I would be very grateful"

"Koyu-sama, you can talk as much as possible. You are way away from our common sense. Truthfully, it's not something guards should even think about, but it can't be helped. I plead you"

You don't have to be so respectful. I wonder how much I can talk about?  
First, different world summoning..... It would be better to ask God-sama. Let's say that I'm from a distant foreign country.

I was kidnapped and brought to this country.

It should also be better to say that there was no magic in my country.

Next, the magical power and magic, huh? I think it would be better to talk about this properly. I intend to live in this world from now on, I should learn how to use it. Since there's no gas or electricity like in my former world, it's a necessary power to live, right?

About the pocket..... Come to think of it, there's that thing called a magic bag, so I think it should be alright to say that I have that bag at hand.

About money, to put it bluntly, I think there's no need to speak about it. But, maybe it would be better to say something? Let's think about it if I'm asked? After that..... There was something else. Oh well. Let's think about it at that time.

Let's ask God-sama when we arrive in the next town.

I mean, I wasn't able to remember everything I was cautioned about. Too much was said at once, right? It's only natural I forgot. I'm an elderly, you know? I should have at least make a memo. Well, let's prepare a memo pad when visiting the church next time. Let's do that.

I have an idea for the time being. Let's take it easy until it's time to speak.

Take it easy..... I became slightly sleepy. Am I tired? I wonder, how far the town pat... ro..... I.....

☆☆☆ Iris's Mutter ☆☆☆

Koyu-sama happily made a dinner. Although we are camping outside, she cooks like if she was in a house in a town. She treated everyone to tea. She seemed very happy. I have also drunk the tea at lunch, but the aftertaste is refreshing, and it calms me down. I have never drunk something like that before. Is it alright to make tea for everyone like this?

When we said that we'd like to know more about Koyu-sama later, she nodded and immediately started thinking about something. With no wariness towards us. I wonder how did such dangerous person manage to live until now?

Even the usually brusque Shien is talking so much. I was really surprised when Shien was making fun of Koyu-sama. It was my first time seeing him laugh like that.

Ivar as well. He would drink from anything but his flask and he would only eat the food he secured himself. He ate both the meat and bread at lunch, and he

drank tea. So his expression can change so much, huh? Maa, I am also surprised at myself.

She's a mysterious person, Koyu-sama.

But!! Isn't she too surprising?!

We have to make sure properly. That there's nothing more than this.

# Chapter 12

N..... Have I fell asleep? H, how embarrassing. To sleep with my head on Iris's lap. I'm really sorry. I must have been heavy.

It looks like I have dozed off for a bit. When I woke up, I was borrowing a young lady's thighs. Even though it would be fine to just toss me into the carriage.

Although outside, I became too much senile. Ah, I was also often scolded by husband in the past, that I have no wariness. But, it's because I trust them, okay? I also feel at peace.

Right, right, while I was sleeping, the town patrol came and brought the bandits away. The Vanveil members were rewarded with money for capturing the bandits.

The camping preparations were done, and we ready the dinner. I put the pot on fire again and warmed it up. Now then, let's eat.

The broth is poured in wooden containers.

It's not a full food, but there are wheat dumplings inside so it should fill up.

Joining my hands, itadakimasu.

Delicious, if I say so myself..... the miso soup is..... warming.....

Miso taste after so long. The miso soup which I should be eating every day. Since when I have not eaten so much?

Potatoes, carrots as well are delicious. The dumplings are springy too. The broth has a chicken taste. The pumpkin and onions are also nice. Seconds..... ara..... there's none. Even though I made that much.

I'm glad it suited everyone's tastes. Let's make it again, okay?

Tea..... only a bit is left.

Perilla or mint or..... mugwort would also be fine, can't we find it around? It should be enough for a simple tea.

I don't see anything like it around, though. Let's take a look around when it becomes bright again.

Right, right, we were supposed to talk about me, right? I almost forgot now that I became full. Now then, where should we start from.....

"Nee, Iris. From when should I start talking? From the time I came to this country? Or since when I was born?"

"Koyu-sama. Which country does Koyu-sama come from?"

"The country I come from is very far away. It's a country called Japan. I came to this country..... I said by carriage, but..... the truth is different"

"Japan..... never heard of it. What do you mean by different?"

"I was kidnapped by a mistake"

"Ha? Kidnapped by a mistake?"

"Right. It can't be helped so become a maidservant, I was told. But, I would rather work in the fields, so they let me out"

"Maid servant? Work in the fields?"

"Yes. I was given money, so I went out"

"There isn't magic in the country where I come from. Therefore, I don't know anything about magic and magical power"

"There is no magic, magical power in your country?"

"That's right. Over here, I hear it's necessary ability for livelihood? Would you please teach me the way to use magical power?"

"You were able to see your status, right? Can I have you confirm it again, please?"

"That's alright.『Status Open』"

"Although you have said open, is there a reason we can't see it?"

"Ara? Is that so? I don't know what's what. I mean, I don't even understand how it works"

"Normally, you can see『Status』only by yourself,『Status Open』should allow others to see your status as well. We weren't able to see it even when Shien asked you to open it before so there must be something going on"

"Is that so? What should I do?"

"Do you by any chance not want us to see it?"

"U~n. I don't understand well. It's not something I have thought about"

"Ah, do you still have it open? Then, could you try giving me permission to see?"

"Alright. It's something you have to teach me about.『I grant Iris permission to see my status』, how about it, can you see it?"

"Ah, I can..... eeh!?"

"What's wrong?"

"Baasan, give me a permission too"

"? Yes, all right.『I grant Vanveil members permission to see my status』Is this okay? Can you see?"

""""Eeh?!""""

Not only Shien, I let everyone see. I mean, it would be troublesome one by one.....

"Baasan, are you serious....."

"Koyu-sama....."

"To think it was this much....."

"..... .."

"I have heard, but....."

Is there something strange?

A, ara, something has increased.

It wasn't like this when I looked a while ago.

Looking closely, doesn't it show even my real name? That's somehow embarrassing. Ah, even my age, this would be better not showing.

【Name】Koyu (Enoki Kouyuu)

【Age】60(73)

【Job】Rolled up Person

【HP】60

【MP】1000

【Magic Attribute】Holy Dark Space Life

【Skills】Green Hands

【Divine Protection】Divine Protection of Almighty God



# Chapter 13

I came to the world from a fairy tale, haven't I?  
But, I wonder why did the writings change? I also must ask about this, don't I?  
With this, I have understood a few things.

『Status』is my present information.  
Doing『Status Open』, I can allow others to see my status as well. With a permission system. Only the guards from Vanveil I'm traveling with are allowed to see.

"Nee, Iris. I wonder why the things that were written there have changed?"

"What has changed, what do you mean?"

"See, the MP place. When I looked just a short while ago, it said 900, you see? Didn't it become 1000 now? Why is it?"

"..... It's just my guess, but a little while ago, Koyu-sama said something about bandits being『Thrust away and disappeared』『Blown away』, didn't you? I think that you have used magical power at that time"

"I have used magical power? I used it without knowing?"

"Baasan, you can normally use it, can't you? Was that unconscious?"

"Ara, what does that mean?"

"When I was teasing you, you have glared at me, right? I'm talking about that"

"Didn't I just stare a bit?"

"Haa, you have not noticed, after all. That was called『Coercion』, it suppresses your opponent. Baasan's was quite heavy"

"A, ara"

"I think that Koyu-sama unconsciously released magical power, that's why the bandits got blown away"

"You have just said that it has changed by 100, right? Haven't you used that amount? The used magical power exceeds my MAX amount, ya know?"

"Ah~..... I see. So that's why the fight stopped all of sudden. The opponents have all abruptly fainted, after all"

"Fell down"

"Just how far does your magical power reach?"

"I wouldn't know even if you ask me. It's something I want to know myself"

"I have cut six, Ivar five, Shien five. The remaining were Koyu-sama, huh....."

"The remaining were overwhelmingly many....."

"Baasan, you need guards?"

Such thing..... I didn't know.....

Mou! Just a slightly bit, I will glare at Shien~

"S, stop~!!"

Let's take a breather. There's only a little bit left, but let's make tea.

Tea, tea..... I search around the bag..... N? This is! Tea bag from the previous world! Ah, that's what I have prepared for the hotel. I have not used it. I have only two left, so it will be a bit light, but it will be drinkable, right?

Boil the water and plop. After a while..... a little bit more..... Ah, a beautiful yellow-green color.

The fragrance too..... after all, green tea's fragrance is nice.

Now then, now I got to take a breather. There was still something I have to ask, right?

"Nee, magic, how do I use it? It's not usable only when I get mad at people, is it?"

"What kind of magic would Koyu-sama like to use?"

"What, you ask? Normal magic for ordinary life if possible, I don't need something difficult"

"Ordinary life..... how do you live?"

"Eh? Sleep and wake up. Make a meal and eat? Umm, I would be saved if doing laundry and cleaning would become easier"

"That's truly magic for living only, isn't it?"

"I think it's quite luxurious? Ah, if possible, I'd like to work on a field"

"Field, is it?"

"Producing vegetables and raising flowers? Anyway, I want to live with soil. My wish is just that"

"Koyu-sama, I will teach you life magic then"

"Life magic? If I know that, life will become easier?"

"I think so? You can lit a fire, produce water, you can raise a bit of wind. It's foundation for other magic. But, you won't be specializing in any of them, so you won't be able to do strong attacks or defenses"

"I don't need attacks and defenses. I just want to live an ordinary life"

"The Magic Attributes Koyu-sama has are special, so I can't really teach you anything besides that"

"Ara, they are special?"

"I have not heard of few, while space is really rare"

Fumufumu.

"Baasan, think a little about defense"

"Ara, why?"

"Haa? Are you seriously asking me that?"

"Even if you ask me that..... I don't understand the reason"

"Do you not understand that you were aimed at by bad guys in your country?"

"I wasn't. I was just rolled up in it"

"Koyu-sama. Speaking bluntly, you can be considered a national piece. The country also has high-level magicians. They may be using magic that we are not even aware of"

"Are you saying that I may get involved in danger because of my magic?"

"That's right. You may think it would be okay if you just don't use it, but can

you endure a torture? What will you do if they attach a slavery collar on you?"

"Slavery collar?"

"It's used on slaves. If they oppose, they will get hurt"

"..... I wouldn't like that"

"Therefore, learn some defense. Also, Ivar's Enemy Detection. If you can't attack, you better prioritize running away"

"Right, running away would be better. But, what should I do about the defense? Fighting is impossible for me"

"That's also Ivar's specialty. To put it simply, you should just not get found out"

"I see..... That may be possible....."

Fumufumu. I excel at hide-and-seek.

Will Ivar teach me?

When I looked at him, he shook his head.

Araara, what should I do?

# Chapter 14

Ara, what to do?

Anyhow, since we will be together for half a month, I will make a great effort so that she will tell me.

Let's work hard at learning『Life Magic』from Iris first.

"Iris, how do I go about using life magic? Is there some kind of a trick?"

"Koyu-sama, you will be able to do it even without getting impatient. Today is already dark so, how about we start tomorrow?"

A, ara. R, right. Let's do start tomorrow.

Fufu. In fact, I'm looking forward to it a little. Magic. Even somehow like me can become a magician?

I have seen them on television. A foreign lady made an uproar with magic, didn't she?

Although it's fun, let's leave it for tomorrow. Hafu, I became sleepy.

"Iris, I became sleepy, but where should I sleep?"

"Koyu-sama, wait a moment, please. I will prepare you a place to sleep in the carriage"

"Ara, I'm okay with sleeping outside?"

"No, I will prepare it inside. Please sleep inside"

"Alright"

I wanted to be with everyone. But, I can't cause troubles for everyone. Let's endure it.

Good night.

☆☆☆ Iris's Worry ☆☆☆

Before the town patrol arrived, Koyu-sama leaned on me and fell asleep. And then, when she turned in her sleep, her head slowly fell on my lap. Her posture must have been bad as she kept restlessly stirring her head, moving her head from place to place. Obaachan with chubby hands was sleeping in my

lap like a little child. She must have been tired. Well, that's right. Looking at her soft fingers with no wounds, I can tell how blessed life she has lived.

But, I wonder who kidnapped her? She as a maidservant? Received money? Let her go?

It's as if.....

No, let's stop making conclusions unless it's clear. Everyone feels probably the same.

Rather than that, her magical power, magic attributes, skill, and divine protection.

With more magical power than many magicians serving the country, considerably rare space, holy and darkness I have never heard before, and skill I know nothing of.

To think I will be teaching fundamentals of magic to a person like that. Ivar quickly shook his head that it's impossible for him. As expected, I have to teach her.

When I was young, my mother has taught me how to control my meager magical power.

What will happen if her magical power runs wild? Fortunately? her magical power was directed at enemies. If that was directed at us. I'm scared just thinking about it~

# Chapter 15

Hafuu, I slept well.

But, my body is..... rattling. I would like futon..... No, I'm in a carriage. Let's endure.

Outside is..... beautiful sunrise colors. N? Will it be perhaps raining today? Then, I will have to make something warm earlier than usual. Yokkoisho.

Breakfast is the source of energy. I have to make it properly. For every one of Vanveil more than me.

There's still fire in the stove. It should be cooked fast if I cut small pieces.

Onions and then carrots. Fresh bacon, all finely cut. Insert tomato puree earlier than usual. After that stir and boil.

Is it boiling? A little taste. Uun..... is it too light? Because just the salt from the bacon is too light, I put in herbal salt I have bought at the product exhibition. Un, delicious.

Put it on the rye bread. Ah, we have run out of the rye bread with this, haven't we? Can't be helped then. I will have to make something from the flour from now on. Maa, dumplings like the ones from last evening would be fine, I do not mind making thin pancakes as well.

Ara, the night has completely vanished.

I distribute soup full of ingredients and a thin slice of rye bread to everyone.

Itadakimasu. Un. It's properly delicious. It has a slightly thin taste, but I will endure. I'm worried about high blood pressure anyway.

Today, Iris will be teaching me magic in the carriage. I'm extremely excited. But, I'm slightly worried about the rain. It would be nice if it didn't rain.

I would lastly like tea, but I endure. There's not much left. Muu. N? Which reminds me, I have brown sugar, don't I? Dissolve just a bit in the hot water. Tasty. A sweet beverage instead of a dessert. The brown sugar's fragrance is so nostalgic it makes me remember that snack.

I enjoy the memories only a little.....

Saa, departure!!

☆☆☆ **Iris overslept?!** ☆☆☆

When I woke up, Baasan was already moving around.

Although the night has not finished yet, she was already making breakfast.

Delicious fragrance fills the surroundings. Gulp..... my throat screams.

No, no.....

Umm.....

Should I caution her.....

Throat screaming..... my stomach is making sounds now as well. Gu~gu~.....

Who was on the night watch..... Ah, it was me..... Un, I got up because it was my turn, haa.....

What is Iris doing?

Did she possibly get tired out by Baasan? It's possible.....

Ah..... Elm who should be resting..... Ivar and Sapin are awake too.....

Un. Can't win against this fragrance, right? I want to eat as well.

Guu~.....

Is it not ready yet?

Baasan is in the middle of tasting.

N? She took out something from her bag.

Oh? Tasting again?

Un, un..... it's delicious apparently. She's smiling.

Oh, she noticed us!! Bows? Un, I will help. Here.

Ah,~ Delicious.

The most profitable thing about being Baasan's guard is this delicious food. She makes lots even though she herself doesn't eat that much. What a happy thing.

Are? Where is Iris?



# Chapter 16

"Iris, nee, I say Iris. Wake up"

Half-asleep Iris is cute, isn't she? She reminds me of my grandchild.  
Absentminded Iris is yet to wake up.  
It looks like she was really tired.

"Saa, eat. We are departing"

"Koyu-sama!! Ah..... "

"You were tired, weren't you? It can't be helped. Rather than that, please finish your breakfast"

"I'm sorry....."

Iris becomes bright red then she immediately becomes pale blue. How busy she is.

Maa, even I would be ashamed of oversleeping. Much less Iris who I bothered the whole day yesterday. Fufu. But, teasing her is not good, right? Let's let it pass. Un.

Iris immediately gulped down her breakfast. But, when eating tomato soup, she was staring at me with wonder. Ara, did it perhaps not suit her tastes? Even though she ate miso so deliciously yesterday. I wonder if Iris prefers Japanese? When I presented her the sweet brown sugar water, she drank it with delight. Did it ease her fatigue a little?

We clear the camp and prepare for the departure. Of course, we wash the empty pot clean.

Iris made it clean with magic. She said it's the life magic. Isn't it convenient? Today, she will teach me magic before I get in the carriage. I might be able to become a magician, you know? Fufu.

After we finish tidying up, we start the second day.

"Koyu-sama. I apologize for this morning"

"Ara, you don't have to mind it. You must have been tired, right?"

"You have even prepared me a breakfast"

"Mou. I told you that you don't have to worry about it? You must have had it hard after your head was hit. You have tried to keep it in all this time, right? I can make something like a meal as well"

"No, Koyu-sama is our employer. In truth, you should be enjoying the travel in the carriage....."

"Mou!! Iris is too stubborn. I had fun making the breakfast, isn't that alright? Well, I somehow understand that I lack common sense from around here, but. Please endure it because I'm enjoying myself"

"Leave it at that~ You two"

"A, ara"

"I'm sorry"

"What Baasan said is true, but please try to understand Iris's standpoint. You make her quite concerned about you"

"Concerned?"

"Well, yeah. You are unreasonably dangerous? Eccentric? You possess quite a lot of money. You got me really exhausted on the shopping day"

"Ara..... I have no excuse....."

"Therefore, you see. Wouldn't it be alright to speak to each other a little bit more?"

"Indeed. Iris, I'm sorry. You were worried about me, weren't you?"

"It is I who should be saying that. I'm terribly sorry"

"Therefore! Be a little bit less formal. Talk normally. I also want to do what I can do, you know? But, there are many more things that I am not able to do, you know? Please, help me there"

"What Koyu-sama can't do....."

"First, the so-called common sense about this country. What I can and can't do. Also, magic. I don't understand at all how magic is supposed to be used, after all"

"Common sense..... risk control..... magic....."

"Risk control? tte. Am I that much?"

"Umm..... Yes. Awfully..... How should I say it....."

"Just say it. I think that Baasan will listen carefully now?"

"Maa, I'm properly listening"

"I think that Baasan might just pretend to be listening, though"

Muu.

"Umm..... Is it really all right to speak..... taking offense....."

"It's all right. We will be together for some quite time. If I don't listen to what I have to fix, Iris may collapse next time. If that happens, I will be the one who is troubled, right? Un, I prepared for it"

I would hate to keep causing Iris trouble. But, I wonder how much am I dangerous? I mean, I did not do much besides shopping and making meals. Ah, I apparently blew away some bad people, but that's about all?

Iris corrects her posture and with some kind of determination looks straight into my eyes. I properly return her gaze. I have to properly listen to her opinion, don't I?

"The first time I begin thinking that Koyu-sama is dangerous was when we went shopping. It was when you bought a great deal of food and when you bought the robe. You have casually taken out gold coins, didn't you? You have stored the change into the bag without counting. It's natural not to hand over your wallet to me who you just met, but you won't generally use gold coins at the market. It's up to large silver coins. Besides, you have not confirmed the cost, right? Moreover, you took out a white gold coin when buying the robe, didn't you? No matter what noble shop it is, robes go for one large gold coin at most. You put the change casually back into the bag again, right? Do you understand that there were strangers on the sides? Shien who was your guard was holding too much baggage. Do you understand that you were targeted from all around? When buying a meal at the street stall, you have selfishly disappeared and bought grilled meat, didn't you? You had disappeared in the

little moment when Shien went to buy fruit water, while I was looking for a place to sit. Even though I told you to sit down with me, you went together with Shien because you wanted to shop at the stall. Then, when I told you not to separate from Shien, you told me that you understand. How many times have you got lost? I even heard that you had to hold hands so you wouldn't get lost"

Umm, Iris's words are like surging waves. Yes, yes, while nodding..... I can tell my face became hot.

Iris's words of surging waves continued.

"Do you know how many people Shien kept away? It was really dangerous, you know? I caught countless pickpockets and accused many unjustly. We also exercised Coercion, and several people were knocked out. How many times have I cautioned you? Moreover, yesterday, even though you weren't used to the shaking of the carriage yet, you have taken out scissors. It was so close that time that you had almost stabbed your hand, right? Was it knitting tools after the scissors? You understand that long sticks are also dangerous, right? When the carriage shook, and you almost stabbed yourself, I shuddered"

Umm, is it still continuing? Yes, it's the things I have done. Just from hearing her, I can tell how dangerous that person is. Even though she's talking about me.....

"Koyu-sama, that bag..... It's not a magic bag, is it? The amount it can take is ridiculous. Where did you put the large amount of items you have bought? Right now, it's not anywhere, right? I was watching you prepare the meal, but there was a lot of things you haven't bought, weren't there? I know a little bit about cooking as well. On top of that, what is with that magical power? I'm told that mine is large, but isn't yours far exceeding that? Even though you are saying that you have never used magic before"

After taking a breath, Iris's voice became gradually louder..... I'm really sorry.....

"In addition, I must teach such person how to use magic, you know? Even though people with too much magical power have trouble with control. I have been desperately learning how to control my magical power since I was a child. So I accidentally don't discharge..... I have been thinking all this time about

what should I do. And yet when I woke up, you have nonchalantly let me eat something I have not eaten before..... Just what am I supposed to do!!"

She ended up bursting into tears..... What should I do.....

If this place were my room, I would offer her tea to calm down. Do I have something in my bag? Ara, a water pouch. Which reminds me, the fruit water from the stall was delicious, so I brought some home.

"I'm sorry, Iris. Drink this and calm down, okay?"

I give Iris the water pouch and suggest her to drink. After she calmed down, we have talked about various things. Haa, I have caused trouble, didn't I? To Iris and Shien as well. I reflect a little.

# Chapter 17

I wonder if she had calmed down?

Ara, her eyes are still red. Fufu, cute thing.

No, no, I'm reflecting properly.

Let's act after seeing Iris's reaction first from now on. Ara, seeing..... I would end up moving first. Fufu.

A, ara. It, it's all right. I will move after thinking first. Iris and Shien too, don't look at me like that. Eh, even Ivar? To think that I'm so untrustworthy, I'm startled.

"Koyu-sama. Please pardon me"

"Ara, have you calmed down? Fufu. Can I also tell you something?"

"Y, yes. What is it?"

"You see? Could you stop the honorifics? I want us to talk normally. I wouldn't like a wall between us while we are together"

"Koyu-sama as well, aren't you too polite while talking with me?"

"Ara, I'm talking normally, you know? I talk the same to Shien, don't I?"

"Ah....."

"Iris is talking normally when speaking to Shien and Ivar, right? I would like to be the same. Is that no good? Moreover, Iris is going to be my teacher from now on, right? In that case, I must use honorifics when talking to Iris, don't I? Do you want that?"

"..... I don't like that"

"Then, please?"

"..... As much as I can? I will give it my best "

I wonder if it's impossible right away? But, I hope the burden on Iris will decrease a little with this.

"Saa, teach me magic, please. I'm trembling in excitement"

"Right away?....."

"I mean, I want to try using it. Maybe I can use it as well, you know?"

"Ah~..... Sorry while you are so motivated, but we are departing soon"

Eh? Ah!

"Yes....."

I'm dejected.

"Even if you are so dejected....."

"You look like a child, Koyu-sama"

"Because I was looking forward to it!"

"You can just do it while we are resting, there's plenty of time"

"Haai....."

"Koyu-sama. Basics are first. Let's begin there since it's possible even in the carriage"

"Yes! I will do my best!"

"Yeah. We are already leaving~ Quickly, get in"

Yes, yes. Shall we get in then? Magic in the carriage. How exciting.

Today, Elm and Ivar are in the driver seats again. It's Iris and me in the carriage. Sapin and Shien are guarding on horses, we resume the travel in such arrangements.

We have begun with what we can in the carriage.

"Koyu-sama, are you able to feel the magical power?"

"I told so yesterday, but I don't really understand"

"I think you can definitely feel it since your magical power value is so high. Can you give me your hands?"

Facing Iris, she holds my hands.

『Oh, Power. Flow next to me in the form of healing』

"Please, close your eyes and feel"

When I close my eyes..... Ara, my fingertips became warm.

"Right now, I have poured my magical power. I think it's easy to understand because I have the light attribute. This is a soothing power called heal"

"Iris, my fingertips became somehow warm"

"Then, please try letting that warmth circulate around your body"

"Circulate?"

"That's right. If you can do that, you will feel the magical power from any part of your body. We can then move onto a training that would control spontaneous discharge"

"I understand. This warmth around my body....."

Circulate my body..... Which reminds me, blood goes around the body..... It's an image of blood flowing through veins, isn't it? Circulate the warmth instead of blood..... image, image.....

Letting magical power flow through the body together with blood..... Ah, this!? From heart to fingertips and back.....

Heart..... veins..... through the artery to fingertips on hands..... from fingertips through veins back to the heart..... again..... this time to the feet..... next to the neck.....

Un. This power..... can't be used on the nape of the neck? It's warming. It feels good.

Blanking..... Feels so good.....

"..... Ko..... yu-sa..... "

"Koyu-sama?"

Ha!! Did something happen?

"What is it?"

How exciting.

"You have returned..... I'm glad....."

N? What? Does Iris also know about this soothing feeling? Iyaa~.....



.....

"I, I was just too absorbed....."

.....

Say something. I'm begging you (TOT) .....

I was healed by a soothing warmth.....

But, Iris's gaze after that.....

I'm sorry.....

I have unconsciously got engrossed in the comfortableness.....

Are?

The control of magical power?

Yes.....

I removed the remaining warmth from my body.

☆☆☆ Iris's bewilderment ☆☆☆

It was embarrassing, but I was worried so..... I spat it out.....

To accept it so easily.....

Just how kind Koyu-sama is?

Replacing my feelings, it's time for the magical power control.

Because she has a lot of magical power, it would be terrible if she spontaneously discharged it.

It was lucky that she hasn't exploded accidentally up until now.

I'm really glad..... that Koyu-sama's surroundings didn't get hurt.

I try to train her control by using healing light magic so that we don't get hurt.

This way, she will be able to feel the magical power without getting injured.....  
is what I thought.

Koyu-sama could feel the magical power easier than I thought and she was immediately able to let it flow around her body, but..... Her body started radiating little by little after she closed her eyes. Just what is going on?

I called Koyu-sama in panic, but she didn't answer.

I thought about shaking with her body, but that could lead to an accidental

explosion. I could only call her name over and over again.

Her eyes look blank as if her heart went somewhere.....

All of sudden, Koyu-sama has woken up.....

I'm glad. Really.....

After that, she was afraid to match my eyes for some reason.  
However, her cheeks were dyed red.

Just what has happened?

# Chapter 18

To be absentminded during a lesson, I'm sorry. I apologized because Iris was staring at me. Yes, I'm the one at fault. I mean, I mean it was so comfortable. As if I was soaking in a bathtub..... I could tell that the muscles throughout my body were getting warmed, you know? That sensation after so long..... I want to take a bath..... I haven't entered it in a while..... sniff.....

Which reminds me, Tiyul is hot springs, right? I want to arrive quickly..... sniff, sniff.....  
Am I not smelly yet? Let's wipe my body using hot water today..... I have to endure.

Well then, let's completely pull myself together and focus on the magic practice.

"Iris. That warmth was magical power, wasn't it?"

"Ye..... yes. You have felt warmth because I exchanged the magical power with heal.....?"

"Ara. It isn't normally warm?"

"Magical power itself isn't warm. You feel the power? you could say"

"Is that so? Oh well. That's the magical power, huh. Then, what should I do next?"

"Please confirm your status once more. It's I think it would be better to confirm how much magical power has been used first since you have used it for quite a while"

"Confirm status? Eh? I, I have used magic?"

"Umm, I might have surely poured the warm heal into your body, but you have circulated it yourself from around the middle, right? That was exercising magic"

"Is that so? Maa, it's good if I used it『Status Open』"

【Name】Koyu (Enoki Kouyuu)  
【Age】60(73)  
【Job】Rolled up Person  
【HP】60  
【MP】950  
【Magic Attribute】Holy Dark Space Life  
【Skills】Green Hands  
【Divine Protection】Divine Protection of Almighty God "Iris, can you see it?"

"Ah, yes. I'm looking..... but..... it consumed quite a lot of power, didn't it? But, when taking into consideration that the original amount was 1000..... it might not be that much, but....."

"Do you normally not use 50?"

"Let's see..... it depends on the state of the injury or illness. I have used just a little amount of 3 a little while ago"

"Is that so? Then, what should I do after this?"

"In order to control the power, try using heal little by little. For example, the roughness of your fingertips..... ah, Koyu-sama's aren't rough at all, aren't they?"

"Ara, even mine or more or less..... they are not..... even though I had a hangnail this morning"

"..... Probably, was it because of the circulating power from before? Usually, a detailed use is necessary..... 『Heal the illness』or『Heal the leg injury』, you see....."

"I have no place to heal..... then, can I use it on Iris?"

"M, me?"

"Yes. I mean, Iris you occasionally touch behind of your neck, right?"

"Eh?"

"Have you not noticed?"

"..... I sometimes feel uncomfortable feeling, but..... to think I was touching it....."

"Then, it was unconscious, wasn't it? Is it shoulder stiffness, I wonder?"

"What is shoulder stiffness?"

"..... I wonder if young people have no shoulder stiffness....."

Muu. Enviale.

"Let me see a bit, okay? Does it hurt here? Over here? Then, what about the nape of your neck?"

I try touching Iris's shoulders and the back of her neck. Thereupon, I felt the hardness in the middle of the neck. Ara, is it stiff here? Patpat. As if extending the neck..... ah, it feels somewhat clogged up? Is this stiffness?『Pain pain fly away』. Un. The stiffness has disappeared..... ara.....

"Iris? Are you okay? I might have done something"

"Right now, what have you done?"

"Umm, I think I got rid of the stiffness by patting it....."

"The uncomfortable warm feeling around my neck has suddenly disappeared, but....."

We look at each other.....

"Koyu-sama..... Please, confirm your status"

"Yes.『Status Open』"

【Name】Koyu (Enoki Kouyuu)

【Age】60(73)

【Job】Rolled up Person

【HP】60

【MP】900

【Magic Attribute】Holy Dark Space Life

【Skills】Green Hands

【Divine Protection】Divine Protection of Almighty God "Another 50 was consumed....."

"Yes....."

"Please, tell me when you are going to use it next time. It was too

surprising..... incidentally, what about the chant?"

"What is a chant?"

"To invoke magic..... eeh!! Chantless?!"

The movement in Iris's shoulders finally stopped..... what to do? What's the best thing to do?

"Iris, nee, Iris are you listening? What's wrong? Are you all right? Nee"

She's not reacting at all..... what should I do?

Awaawa, what should be a good thing to do.....

I shout to outside.

"Shien, Ivar, Elm, Sapin..... anyone's fine, please help!!"

# Chapter 19

I hear a voice from outside the curtain. It seems that someone has noticed.

"Iris has stiffened! What should I do!"

"I will stop the carriage so wait for a moment!"

Ah, the carriage will stop. I'm glad.....

I wonder if Iris is all right. It seems that I have done something again. I hope I didn't injure her. What to do.....

But you see, but you see, I don't know if I have done something bad or not.....

The carriage has stopped, and Shien entered inside. Elm and Sapin as well.....

"What happened?"

"Iris was giving me a lesson in magic....."

I explain to everyone.

But, speaking what we were done, Iris only poured her magical power in me, and I circulated it around my body. Ah, Iris's neck was stiff in the middle, so I applied a good luck charm..... When small, Okaasan or Oneesan would do that often for you, right?『Pain pain fly away』. It's just for the mind.

While speaking, I noticed that Iris shook with her neck.

"Iris! A, are you all right? Do you feel bad anywhere? How are you feeling?"

I have unconsciously ended up firing question in rapid succession.

"Baasan, calm down. Iris, you okay?"

"Ah, Shien..... I'm fine..... Just a bit....."

Iris stares at me fixedly. Recognizing it, Shien and Iris got off the carriage. I wanted to get off with them, but..... Elm has stopped me. Why? I have to hear if I have done something bad. Even though she was talking so much about the spontaneous discharge of magical power..... If Iris got injured, I must listen what I did wrong so it won't happen again.

Elm told me to wait in the carriage.

"Elm....."

"Koyu-sama, calm down please. She's talking with Shien and Ivar now. It's better they listen to what happened from Iris's mouth alone. They might be able to find out what happened"

"R..... right"

"It's about lunchtime. Shall we make preparations for the lunch?"

"Yes, let's see..... I'd like to make tea first"

"..... I will set up a small stove....."

With the help of Elm's hand, I get off the carriage. He skillfully set up a small stone stove. I brewed tea with the last perilla leaves.

I pour tea in wooden cups, one for me and one for Elm..... I talk with Elm while cooling it down.

"Sorry. My member caused you trouble"

"That's..... it's me who's causing troubles..... even though I was warned so many times"

"Iris is from the same village as me. She has more magic attributes than is normal and her magical power is also high. She stable now, but it took time..... Moreover, the attribute she possess is light..... the only person in the village who possessed the same attribute was her mother who has passed away....."

He tells me about Iris's past little by little.

"Because of her high magical power, she had to move to the school in the capital of the country..... she must have been bullied a lot..... I can't say for sure, but....."

Maa.....

"When she left halfway through..... her mouth became quite dangerous....."

What.....

"Something must have happened..... I think she's noisy about the control because of that"



Which reminds me, the royalty of this world is casually summoning people from other worlds while wearing extravagant clothes. That would be kidnapping if I had to say so myself. A crime. I didn't think much about it, but..... he looked at us like disposable tools.

If the top of the country is like that..... the noble sons and daughters at the capital's school. I can tell what kind of character they must have. They see what their parents are doing, after all.

They will learn to harm other people in order to accomplish their goals.....

The reason Iris is worried more than necessary.....  
I have done a bad thing, I make her worry too much.....

"Shall I make a lunch before Iris and others finish talking?"

I can't be depressed forever. Saa, let's make a delicious lunch and recover our mood. Un. Then, what should I make?

Gosogoso..... I search through the pocket..... n~.....

First of all, I take out the food wrapped in cloth I bought at the market. Then, I put my hand inside the carry-on and gosogoso..... ara, brown sugar..... something sweet may also be good.

Will I be able to make simple pancakes?

When I spread the wrapping cloth, flour, right? Apples, right? Potatoes, right? What should I use next.....

I have no substitute for oil, don't I..... ah, I should have the remaining bacon somewhere. I search through the pocket..... ah, there it is!

There's a wooden plank as a substitute for the chopping board, so I chop the bacon and put it into the pot. I peel the potatoes and cut it into long, thin strips. Once the fat seeps out of the bacon, I put the potatoes in with a little bit of salt. I fry it together after that. Once the potatoes look translucent, I put a handful of flour in, mix and fry together. I spread it flat. I remove the apple's core and slice it thin. I sprinkle brown sugar and spread it over the potatoes. I cover it with a lid and cook until steamed.

Saa, what shall I make next.....

I would like something to drink, but.....

Will I be able to find some leaves around here that can substitute for tea?

# Chapter 20

Looking around, there are some herbs that look like Earth's all around. N~? I won't know even if I look..... I would be happy if there were mugwort, perilla or mint, but.....

Ah, that tree's flowers are blooming. Those might be fine for tea.

"Elm? Is there poison in those flowers?"

"Which one?"

"The flowers on that tree. The whitish pink ones"

"It has no poison. What do you want to do?"

"Would I need five or six? Can you pick it for me please?"

"Ah, yes....."

Ah, this..... this fragrance.....

"Elm~ Is this flower poisonous?"

"It's not..... what are you"

Ah, this plant..... un, this silver hair under the leaf..... probably.....

"Elm? Does this plant have poison?"

"No poison"

Kunkun..... n. This refreshing scent.

"El....."

"No"

Ara, this little adorable-looking flower.....

"No"

..... Elm's responses are becoming gradually like Shien's, don't they..... Oh well. It's fast.

Ufufu. Big catch. It's a win.

We will have fresh tea for today and tomorrow. I hope the others somehow dry well.

### ☆☆☆ Elm's Agony 1☆☆☆

Iris suddenly started acting strange, and the carriage stops. Shien and Ivar accompany her off the carriage, and the three have a deep conversation. Maa, since the two are with her it will be fine. However, what has happened? Our employer Koyu-sama said that they just practiced magic.

It was only a while ago that Anna from the guild called us that she has an urgent request she wants us to take..... Rather, it was at night four days ago. It was to escort a certain lady as soon as possible to Tiylul and help her with making the foundations of life.

Surprisingly, the reward is one white gold coin. A beyond exceptional amount of money was presented to us.

Tiylul, huh..... the hot-spring village at the border..... it's said to be the village of adventurers. The adventures are gathering to heal their wounded bodies and to subjugate magic beasts gushing out from the forest.

Can an ordinary lady live in a place like that? Not possible. There must be some kind of reason. I hope it's not anything troublesome, though.

When talking with members about the request in one of the guild's small rooms, Anna told us that the lady needs a guide for sightseeing. Since she's a woman, I have decided on Iris and Shien. Shien will be able to notice. He will notice if there's something happening behind the scenes. If there's something happening..... I hope nothing is happening.

When the two returned, Iris had an exhausted expression, but she said she would be fine for tomorrow's request, Shien said he has no problem. After that, Shien went for a meal, but he returned in a good mood. That was something rare.

I inform Anna that according to Iris and Shien, the lady bought large quantities of goods (especially food). It seems she decided to switch the carriages.

Tomorrow morning, we prepared the carriage for departure behind the guild. Iris and Shien waiting in front of the guild were quite not returning so I decided to send Ivar. Soon, the three companions returned with the lady who is our employer. Seeing her casually speaking to Iris and Shien, I thought the lady

must be of the upper class.

She introduced herself as Koyu. Does she have no surname? The clothes she's wearing look quite expensive, though. Or are you saying that simple greetings are fine because we are adventurers? No, that's not the case.

By the way, where is a large amount of food Iris and Shien were talking about? They reported that she has also bought many other goods, but? We have certainly prepared rations for the travel, but..... I wanted to prepare some fresh things, but I heard that she had bought a lot yesterday, so I didn't go to the market this morning. Should I go? While thinking about various things.....

Eh?

"S, stop it!!"

Ah? Shien?

"Ah~ Sorry"

What are those two doing?

Ma, maa, self-introduction.....

"I think it's time? I would like to introduce the other members, but. I'm the leader, Elm. This huge one is Sapin. The one you met earlier is Ivar and the ones you met yesterday, Iris and Shien. Us five form the team《Vanveil》"

Originally, Sapin and I went together to become adventurers, we have enrolled Shien when leaving and Iris has been added when we have returned to the village.

Iva was brought along by Iris.

Everyone's personality is strong, but it's somehow working out because we are of the same town. Even though things may appear this way, we are still A-Rank adventurers.

First, Anna told us to go to the office, so I headed there with her and Koyu-sama. In the office, Koyu-sama *ponpon* poured white gold coins from a bag on the table..... She suddenly wants to exchange money!!

White gold coins! No, we may be A-Rank adventurers, but we have not even used a large gold coin yet, you know? Our income isn't that large.

This time's reward might be too much..... no, no, no.....  
Incidentally, I wonder how much this whole request costs in total.....  
We must not fall into any traps.....  
It will be easier if they come all at once, but it will be troublesome if there's too many.....

Ma, the person in question, is absentminded Baasan, after all.

# Chapter 21

Is Iris all right, I wonder? No, she's surely fine. I should do what I'm good at in the meanwhile.

Among the things I got earlier, I think this is the freshest, but most suitable to make tea.

Ufufu. I put water in a small bowl and wash the leaf. I bite off a little bit. Un. This is a mint. A refreshing fragrance and slightly bitter taste.

I wash it clean and boil water in a pot. I put the leaf in once the water is boiling and take it off the fire. I put just a little bit of brown sugar in and stir with a spoon and prepare another pot. Right, right, there was no filter, was there? N~to..... that's right, I bought some cloth, didn't I? I take it out from the pocket. Then, I cut it with scissors into slightly larger size than the pot. I cover the pot with the cloth and start pouring the tea over to the second pot.

It's done. The mint tea.

Pour into cup, h, hot!! Fu~ fu~. Nod.

Delicious.

A pleasant, refreshing drink. A slight sweetness of the brown sugar. How calming. Fuu.

Indeed, tea is nice.

N~..... I would like a strainer. To dry leaves and to filter tea as well. Should I try making one if I find a bamboo or a vine?

Maa, I hope I can find them.

I hope it's soon, though..... they don't seem to be in this area, do they.....

Still not done yet?

Since there's time, let's wash everything. Wipe the moisture. Tie them up with a string into a bundle. Un, let's hang it on the carriage to dry.

Since there are silver hair on the underside of the leaves,『Mugwort』? Yellow petals and the fragrance, it's『Chrysanthemum』. The little white flower is『Chamomile』. The refreshing smelling leaf is a『Mint』.

The whitish pink flower blooming on the tree is a『Rose』.

The pink flower which bloomed near the shrub of a tree is『Sweetbrier』

Next, I also found『Perilla』and『Rosemary』looking like herbs.

They all look like the things, but let's not mind it. Elm has told me that they are not poisonous, after all.

Ara, Iris, and others have returned. It seems she has calmed down. Excellent. Saa, let's have lunch.

### ☆☆☆ Elm's Agony 2☆☆☆

Although we got on the carriage, we are advancing slowly. According to Ivar, he has already detected several enemies.

There are probably a lot of fools. After leisurely advancing for a while, it was time for a break.

Even though we have prepared for the day, we are on travel, after all. It's just bread and dried meat.

Thereupon, Koyu-sama tells us to prepare a stove. She's a noble, after all..... her tone is polite, but I'm used to orders. It can't be helped, so I make a stove from stones and sticks and put a small pot on it.

Then, she suddenly takes out the rye bread and raw meat. Wh, what is she doing? She threw something into the pot.....

Ha? She gave us some as well? Raw meat sandwich..... a raw meat of unknown origins.....

Pot and water..... us as well.....

Koyu-sama tastes it. Poison?! No, that face is saying delicious.....

I try a mouthful. Slightly salted meat and bread's acidity..... also..... something sweet? It's delicious? I try with a greater bite..... un. Delicious. I finished without knowing.

Also, the hot water..... looking at Koyu-sama, she gave it a taste than absentmindedly nodded..... she's made a strange action, but maa, I will drink. One sip and hold it in my mouth..... refreshingly delicious. A cooling sensation is spreading in my mouth.....

Haa, just what kind of person is she?

I want to eat more, I endure forcibly.



First of all, let's get to work.

I have Sapin to stealthily hide, board the carriage and depart.

We slowly advance on the highway.

Ivar raises his finger. Ah, they are coming. The numbers? Eh? More than 20? That's slightly too much..... ma, we have to do the same.

Yosh, let's return to our resting place!!

Arrows have been shot. They start earlier than expected. Will it be not possible to return to that place? It's just a slightly ahead, but..... it doesn't look like we will reach the place Sapin is hiding at. We have to engage here..... I signal Ivar with my finger and brandish my sword.

The carriage stops, I remove the fittings from the horse and let it escape. I earnestly cut down my opponents. I don't hold back. Ivar hides and finishes off the archers. I hope Sapin gets here in time.....

One after another, I cut them down.....

At the time I was about to cut down another one, something came suddenly flying. It hit my opponent, and both stopped moving. Ha? A person flew over? M, maa, yosh. Let's tie them up for the time being.

Everyone in the vicinity has collapsed.

Is it over?

Both the sound and presence of battle has vanished. I feel like it has ended too suddenly, but I tie up and gather the bandits.

It seems that Sapin has finally arrived.

"Looks like it has ended"

"Yeah, sorry, could you retrieve the horse and let the town know? There's quite a lot, we might not be enough to bring them in alone"

"Understood. I will be right back"

"We will be camping here today"

When I return to the carriage, Iris is sitting down, and Shien is chatting with Koyu-sama. Iris is..... holding her head?

Maa, first of all.

"Koyu-sama, are you all right?"

"Yes, I'm all right"

"Hey, listen a bit"

"Yeah? What happened?"

"Iris head was hit, and Baasan made a guy fly....."

"Ha?"

"Baasan's magical power is over 900"

"Ha? She can use it? I haven't heard about that"

"As expected. She herself doesn't know"

"Ha? Doesn't know? What?"

"Everything and anything. Maa, let's clean up this mess first"

"Right. Let's have her explain properly after..... ah, let's make a camp here today"

"Ara. Then, is it all right to prepare the dinner?"

"..... Feel free....."

The employer wants to prepare the meal..... d, don't mind it..... get used to it, me.

She takes out items from somewhere again. It seems to be a magic bag, but how much capacity it has?

『Onyo(Onion)』『Kyoro(Carrot)』『Teru(Potato)』『Shitoru(Pumpkin)』『Powa(Spring Onion)』『Farii(Wheat Flour)』

How much did she buy? The large amount, was true. If she keeps on offering us, the dried meat will be the last on the travel..... of..... of course, we have been planning to hunt on the way.....

Ha? What is she making..... just now, what did she put in? I don't care anymore..... let's think about it later.

"How about tea?"

She offers me a cup while saying such. It's the thing I drank at lunch. Fuu. Delicious. Calming.....

"Hey, Baasan....."

Shien makes a proposal to Koyu-sama. Of course, I'm in agreement. Iris also begged her by saying that her common sense is different from ours. We will have a lot to hear once Sapin returns.

Koyu-sama who was lost in thoughts leaned against Iris and fell asleep. Feeling at peace. She must trust her a lot, Iris.

Oh, Sapin has returned.

# Chapter 22

"For now, let's eat the dinner? Okay?"

Iris's expression looks calm unlike a while ago. I'm glad.

The bacon adds a faintly salty taste to the pancake, the apples are refreshing and the brown sugar's sweetness, un, delicious.

The bacon oil left a brown burn mark at the bottom. It resembles a pie.

Crunchy, springy. Would I be able to find cinnamon somewhere? It might be even more delicious then.

The mint tea is also refreshing, un. Delicious. It just appears that there wasn't enough. U~n..... something which can be eaten immediately.....

I have nothing.....

"Ah~ that was good"

Ara, Shien had enough?

"What?"

"Did you have enough?"

"It's a noon, after all. N? Baasan didn't have enough? You can eat well"

"Not me, but how about everyone? It was enough for Obaachan like me, but....."

"Ah~..... Sorry, I overate yesterday. It was a taste I have never eaten before, and it warmed my body. My stomach is full. I normally eat about this much?"

"You ate a lot at the inn as well, though?"

"Because you were crying?"

Mou!! Shien~!! I stare at him. Ah, which reminds me, they said this is also a kind of magic, didn't they?! Then, let's stare at him wholeheartedly. Fufu.

"S, stop it please!!"

Tsun.

"I understand, it's my fault!!"

Tsun, tsun.

"I'm sorry!!"

Ufufufu. I won.

"Koyu-sama....."

"Ah, Iris..... I'm sorry....."

It seems I have made Iris look pale again. I'm disheartened.

"No. Shien is at fault for getting on a high horse. What Koyu-sama does..... I have decided to stop forcibly thinking about it"

Eeh. Iris has forsaken me? What to do? I can feel my face draining of blood.

"Eh..... I..... ah..... I'm sorry....."

"No. Koyu-sama is not at fault. It's just that I have decided not to trying to forcibly adapt my common sense"

"Iris's common sense?"

"Yes. I'm talking about what I have studied in school and what I have learned as an adventurer"

"That means, Iris's experience can't apply to me?"

"That's right. Koyu-sama can use magical power even though you don't know how, right?"

"I certainly don't know, but. It's also doubtful whether I can use it?"

"I think that you are able to use it from what I have seen. Right now, haven't you used『Coercion』specially on Shien rather than on the whole group?"

"is that so?"

"Koyu-sama, I nor Ivar has not felt your power, you know? It's the evidence that you can directly and precisely control your power"

"Ara"

"It appears that Koyu-sama can intuitively control the magical power"

Fumufumu.

"Therefore, I thought. Rather than teaching you how to use it, I thought that showing you directly may be easier to understand for you. At school, I would first memorize the chants, but Koyu-sama can put『Coercion』and『Heal』into operation just by seeing"

Ara, when did I use『Heal』?

"I don't know how much it works, but do not only observe me, but also observe and sense Ivar as well"

"Ivar?"

"Ivar is specialized in the enemy detection and presence concealment"

That's right, isn't it?

"Please hide if something happens"

Eh? That's?

"Koyu-sama? It appears that you are still not aware how dangerous you are"

Dangerous?

"Haa..... Ma, it can't be helped..... you are Koyu-sama, after all"

You are sighing that much?

"Abundant in magical power, with chantless activation. Your protection is of the Almighty God, right?"

Was that so?

『Status Open』

【Name】Koyu (Enoki Kouyuu)

【Age】60(73)

【Job】Rolled up Person

【HP】60

【MP】1000

【Magic Attribute】Holy Dark Space Life

【Skills】Green Hands

【Divine Protection】Divine Protection of Almighty God

Oh, it's there.....

"There is also space attribute, right?"

Yes.....

"Koyu-sama's bag..... That's not『Magic Bag』, but『Infinite Storage』isn't it?"

Un. You could tell.

"Koyu-sama. Do you intend to use your power for evil or to cause a war?"

"There's no way I could do something like that!"

"That's what I thought. That's why it's dangerous, you know? Infinite Storage is convenient, isn't it? It can carry food and weapons with no limit. There's nothing better for logistical support. Even for wrongdoings. If you put dangerous documents or important things into the Infinite Storage, you can store it without being found by anyone, right?"

"I don't, want to do something like..... that....."

Ah, I see..... which reminds me, there was the thing called slavery collar, wasn't there?

Even though I heard of it! I have already forgotten.

"It seems you have remembered....."

I will do my best to study defense. I will also practice concealment.

"Also..... let's do our best step by step..... there are many things to remember, so do your best please, okay?"

Step by step..... Iris has slightly transformed into Shien, didn't she? However, it seems that her mood is better so let's deem it acceptable.

# Chapter 23

Once again, I boarded the carriage. Now then, let's depart.

Just like in the morning, Elm and Ivar are in the driving seats. Sapin and Shien are riding horses on both sides of the carriage.

I must prevent causing trouble for Iris as much as possible, don't I? But you see, just riding is boring, right?

"Nee, Iris? Just riding is boring, I wonder if there is something we could do....."

"Please behave as much as possible....."

"Yes....."

As much as possible, behaving.....

Ah, that's right. If there's nothing I can do, don't I just have to talk to Iris? That's right, I will be living in this world from now on.

In that case..... right, this is a foreign land, and I'm a castaway. Something like Robinson Crusoe. Fortunately, I have both baggage and money. All that's left is to learn about this world. It would be nice if Iris and others could understand my common sense, but I'm the one who will live here from now on, am I not? If that's the case, I must first learn the general knowledge of this world. It's just that I will immediately forget it even after learning.....

What should I do, I wonder.....

Maa, I will memorize it after hearing it many times. Probably.....

"Iris..... I have a request, but would it be alright to ask?"

"Koyu-sama?"

"Right now you see, I have thought about it. It would be bad thing to learn magic in this shaky thing, right?"

"That's correct....."

"Then, won't you tell me about this country's history, economy or some



interesting things?"

"History? Economy? Is it?"

"Right! Also, old folklore?"

"You want to hear that from me....."

"Eh? Ah, that's wrong. Umm, haven't you heard anything from your mother when you were little? Legends..... umm, fairy tales? Or something?"

"Fairy tales? Is it? That is....."

"Umm..... adventures you have heard from people in the neighborhood? Mysterious stories?"

"I think that Elm or Shien would be more knowledgeable about adventure talk, but?"

"Umm..... various stories including that. Ah, stories about heroes, or tales of demon kings..... stories you would hear as a little child"

"Heroes..... Demon Kings....."

"I, I won't force you?"

Iris is lost in thoughts.

"Ah, stories about cooking are fine as well"

"Cooking..... what do you mean?"

"I'm talking about the dishes Iris has eaten until now"

"Cooking is not my forte....."

"Just the dishes you have eaten are fine. What kind of meat is there? What fish have you eaten? Vegetables? Fruits? What's Iris's favorite?"

"Yesterday morning's soup was delicious. It was the best one I have eaten so far....."

"Ara. You were okay with such simple dish?"

"Si, simple....."

"That's right. It's just cut and boiled"

"I think that Koyu-sama's dishes are delicious"

"Ara, that makes me happy. Nee, what does Iris and other usually eat?"

"Usually, is it? We generally eat hard bread and dried meat while on travel"

"How about vegetables?"

"We occasionally have some fruit"

"There's no vegetables then?"

"Yes. They don't last long, so"

"Then, when you are not on a travel?"

"We eat from stalls or in the inn's dining room"

"What do they sell?"

"Things like the meat and fruit water we had had the other day when we were together and soup. Vegetables are cooked together with the meat once in a while"

"How about seasoning? Is it the salty taste like in that inn or at that stall?"

"It's like that for us"

"Iris went to school, right? Was it in the school like that as well?"

"It was generally similar to the meals I usually eat"

"Fuun..... generally, that means there was a different taste, right?"

"Yes. I have not eaten it, but the food of high-class people seemed to be different"

"The dining hall itself was different, wasn't it?"

"Yes. Commoners and nobles ate in different rooms"

"Then, how do you think the taste was different?"

"It stank, I think....."

"The fragrance..... huh....."

I wonder if there were condiments?

"Then, what about beverages?"

"Usually, water"

"When it's not usually?"

"Fruit water for me..... the men, alcohol? I think?"

"There isn't tea?"

"It's very expensive so....."

"The tea leaves itself, huh?"

"Ah, yes. Only wealthy merchants and high ranked nobles drink it"

"Is there a store?"

"There is. But..... I have never entered it"

"I understand. Then, let's buy some next time, okay? What I want to drink"

"..... Yes....."

Iris's eyes look slightly into the distance. I wonder why?

Ah, also, that ingredient?

"Iris? Have you eaten an egg before?"

"Egg?"

"Right. I have not seen it at the market"

"Eggs..... they are edible?"

"You don't eat them? Eh?"

"Eh? I mean....."

Un. Right, I have to hear this properly.

"We eat them in my country"

"Eh? Eeh~!!"

"Haa. Is that so? You don't eat them?"

"I mean, when you hold an egg the magic beasts usually go into frenzy, you know?!"

"..... Are you saying that there are no ordinary birds?"

"Birds..... why birds?"

"Because I want to eat a bird's egg....."

Ah..... the talk went wrong even here.....

"There are birds, right?"

"Yes....."

"Do you eat birds?"

"Sometimes....."

"How do you obtain them?"

"They apparently occasionally catch them....."

"Who catches them?"

"Hunters and adventurers"

"Iris is also an adventurer, right? Can you catch a bird?"

"I have never received the request. Aren't they flying, after all?"

"You can't catch what's flying?"

"I don't intentionally hunt them..... tte"

"Eggs? What about the bird's eggs....."

"You may find them in the nest if you are lucky"

"What about the nest?"

"Generally..... I don't look for them"

"How regrettable..... the delicious meals have decreased by few"

*Gata, gatagata!!*

I, Iris..... you should not stand up inside the carriage.....

*Gashan!*

A, are you all right? Iris's movements are startling.

"Iris..... are you all right?"

"Delicious, you said? You can make many delicious things?"

"Eh? Yes, I should be able to? Sweets, bread, snacks....."

..... Iris..... Iris~..... she has turned into a statue.....

She can't hear me, can she?

"Iris, I can't do it without fresh eggs~"

# Chapter 24

Iris..... she's lost in thoughts all this time.

Things I could do disappeared.

Then.....

Shall I sort out my things? How many ingredients I have, how much possessions I have at me?

Umm, umm. Rustling through the pocket. I retrieve the ingredients wrapped in cloth and scarf from the Infinite Storage. Yokkoishotto.

In the carry-on,  
seaweed salt, miso, jam, brown sugar, honey, soup stock pack, malted rice, dried fruits, and biscuits are remaining.

In the wrapping cloth,  
tomato, carrot, potato, onion, spring onion, pumpkin, spinach, peach, apple, orange, and wheat flour.

What I collected a while ago,  
mint, mugwort, chrysanthemum, chamomile, perilla, rosemary, rosa rugosa, rose.

Also, what I want is pepper and Japanese pepper, red pepper, wasabi, and mustard flavor.

Ah, Japanese ginger, ginger, garlic or Japanese parsley, I would also like flavors like that of mitsuba.

If I were greedy, soybeans or adzuki for soy sauce and miso.....

Ah, salt is also needed..... and sugar..... if possible.....

I was this greedy, huh?

But, the things I want are all food.....

That might be a little miserable.....

Ah, there's one thing I want the most. It's bathtub. I want to take a bath. Will we arrive there soon?

..... Thinking about it, haven't I become strange? I mean, the thing I want the

most is a bathtub..... I must be tired, surely.

Let's put the things back to the pocket and take a nap.....

Ah, ara. Iris was looking at me before I noticed.

I will clean it up right away. Wait a moment, okay?

☆☆☆ **Iris's Mutter** ☆☆☆

According to Koyu-sama, she can make many delicious things? My heart was thrown out of order.

I mean, it's delicious things, you know?

Even though we ate the same thing when we guided her around the town. Once traveling, at lunch, it's bread and drink I have never had before. For dinner, it's dish containing dumplings? Mate soup and delicious beverage. It was so sweet and salty, I have never eaten something so delicious.....

Haa..... has Koyu-sama been eating and drinking such things all this time?

When talking about general knowledge about this country in the carriage, she asked about『Bird eggs』. If there are no eggs..... the delicious things will decrease!!

Eh? She will be able to make many more delicious things if she has eggs?! L, let's search for them. But, where do birds make their nests?

While thinking and thinking..... a massive amount of food in front of me.....

Koyu-sama..... just how much food do you carry in your Infinite Storage?

# Chapter 25

Hafuu..... I slept well.

Ara, the carriage is not moving.

"Iris~"

I poke my head through the curtain and call.

"Ah, Koyu-sama. You are awake? You have slept well"

"Seems so. So, are you taking a break now?"

"That's ri- Eh?"

Un. I will also get down.

"Don't overdo it. I will lend you a hand"

I'm sorry. It seems to be slightly high. When I tried to get off, my foot didn't reach the ground. That's right. There usually was a stair-like thing. But, Iris doesn't need it, does she?

## ——Returning to the main subject——

In the bush again..... embarrassing. Does everyone not mind it? Let's stealthily try asking Iris.

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Ara, departing already? Yes, it was a break for that, wasn't it?

I board the carriage (the simple stairs were properly installed)..... Ara, Ivar is in the carriage this time. The opportunity to talk became fewer, but this is a chance.

"How unusual seeing you inside, Ivar"

"Iris, outside, request"

"Ara. I wonder why..... right, right, what kind of food does Ivar like?"

"All"



N? All?

"Then, your dislikes?"

"Non-edible"

..... Ivar..... non-edible things are not to be hated, but not to be eaten.....

"Umm. Let's see, tea you drank today or tea you drank yesterday, which did you like?"

"..... Both....."

"Both?"

"Were tasty"

Is that so? I'm happy. Then, then.

"Which did you like more, yesterday's dango broth or this morning's tomato soup?"

"Dango broth? Tomato soup?"

"Umm, dango broth was the miso soup with dumplings and tomato soup was the red vegetable soup"

"Miso soup? What? Red vegetable? Mate?"

Ah, there's no miso over here? Mate? Is that tomato?

Pocket, rustle, rustle. Cask of miso..... ah, this. Searching through carry-on one-by-one is difficult. Let's swap it to the cloth.

I take out a cloth and line the vegetables on it.

"Ivar, this is Mate?"

I point at the tomato.

"Un. Mate"

I point at potato.

"Then, what is this one called?"

"Teru"

Carrot.....

"Kyaro"

Onion.....

"Onyo"

Apple.....

"Pomu"

Ivar steadily gives names while I point.

Un. I generally understand.

"Why? Me?"

Ara? Which reminds me.....

"Because Iris is busy?"

She's busy. Yes, it's my fault.

"So, which soup did you prefer, Ivar?"

"..... Dumpling"

Maa, that makes me happy. I would like to make more, but I don't have enough miso left. I might be able to make it if I obtain soybeans, though.

Ah, that's right.

"How was the Teru and Pomu dish we had for lunch?"

"Tasty"

"Were you satisfied with the amount?"

"Un"

"I'm glad to hear that. I will make it again, okay?"

"Un"

Ara, Ivar is happy? His expression changed a little bit. How adorable. Come to think of it, how old is Ivar?

"Nee, Ivar? How old are you?"

"18"

"Ara, younger than my grandchild"

"Grandchild?"

"Right. Granddaughter back in the country. She's twenty now. She had just married the other day"

"Lonely?"

"I am. But..... it can't be helped. It pains me, though"

"Can't be helped?"

"Because I have given up"

"Gave up?"

"Yes. I had no choice, but to give up"

If my body has been already cremated.

"I pray for that child's happiness"

"Yourself?"

"Me? I'm just trying my best so I can become happy as well"

It's little sad, but I just show a smile to make me look as bright as possible.  
Fufu.

# Chapter 26

How cute..... I want to spoil him..... but.....

Yes, let's stop there. I don't want to be hated.

But, I want to talk. I mean, Ivar can't speak in sentences, right? He won't speak to me unless I speak to him.

Anything is fine. Let's continue talking.

Umm, she has taught me about the names of ingredients..... right, let's ask about animals next.

"Ivar, what kind of animals inhabit this area?"

"Animals? Magic beasts?"

"I don't mind both. Which creatures can be eaten?"

As expected, it starts with food.

"Horn Rabbit, Horn Bull, Colomb, Cocco"

Wait, wait, wait. There's so many I have troubles remembering.

"Cocco? What creature is that?"

Somehow sounds a chicken-like?

"This big. Tawny feathers. Bird"

Ivar shows the size using his fingers. He's making a gap between his fingers of about 40cm. Are? Was that the meat I have used in the dango broth?

"Nee, is that the meat I have used for yesterday's dinner?"

"Un"

"How do you hunt them?"

"Forest, bush, stay"

"In the bushes? Under? Do they fly?"

"Only a bit fly. Around the trees at most. Fast"

"Fuun. What about their nests? Have you seen them?"

"Nest? No see"

Is that so? How regrettable. Eggs..... maa, it would be nice to get my hands on them sometime.

"I see..... then, what kind of creature is Horn Rabbit?"

"Easy to eat. Not hard"

"..... Ivar..... how does it look?"

Un. It's good as an ingredient. But, I won't know what kind of animal it is like that.....

"This big. Tawny. Long ears. Horn. Horn, magic stone"

Larger than the one before, I see. Tawny again? Are all creatures of this world tawny? Which reminds me, the horses are tawny as well. Ara, ears? Is that perhaps a rabbit? Then, I can understand why it's easy to eat.

"Then, Horn Bull is?"

"Larger than a horse. Tawny. Powerful. A lot of meat. Tasty"

Un. It's meat.

"Are they on the grasslands? Tell me if you see them next time, okay?"

"Un. Hunt"

Animals are only seen as meat to Ivar, aren't they?

"Then, what is this plant called?"

I point at the false mugwort.

"Erubu?"

"So it's called Erubu. I thought to make tea out of this, but..... do you think it's all right?"

"Erubu is medicine"

"Ara, it's medicine? How do you use it?"

"Make a potion"

"What is a potion?"

Words I don't know keep on appearing. Will I be able to remember them, I wonder? I will probably forget them, won't I?

"Drink medicine"

"Ah, you make it into an oral medicine, don't you? So, how do you do that?"

"Dunno. Guild, bring"

He doesn't know, huh. But, Elm has also told me that it doesn't have a poison, un, it can be made into tea.

"Then, what is this flower called?"

I ask about the chamomile.

".....? Dunno"

"Try smelling it. It smells really nice"

It looks like chamomile and smells like apples.

"Pomu? Eh?"

"Fufu. Right? The fragrance resembles that of Pomu, right? Let's try making tea out of this as well"

"Ko, Koyu, sama, tea love?"

Ara, he asked for the first time. He finally said my name. Fufu. What a happy occasion.

"Yes. I love tea. I mean, your heart calms down when you take a short rest, right?"

"Rest?"

"Drinking tea is called taking a short rest. Fufu"

"Ufufu? Laughing since while ago?"

"Yes. I'm happy because Ivar showed interest in me"

"Happy?"

"Very happy"

Puzzled Ivar is adorable as well.

# Chapter 27

After talking about this and that with Iva, the carriage stopped.  
When I asked Iva with a gaze..... it appears that she somehow understood.....

"Probably, camp site"

Ara, is that already that time? Well then, well then, let's get down and prepare the dinner.

Un. Iva got down first and installed the stairs. She's really attentive child. Ufufu.

"Iva, what would you like to eat?"

"Dumpling?"

Ah, that. Then, let's make a hearty soup with dumplings.  
I'm a little worried about the miso, though.

"Ah~ that hit the spot. Baasan's meals are delicious~"

"Thank you, Shien. Would you like tea?"

"I want. Uwa, what is that? It smells nice....."

"Right? I found it on the way"

"Baachan, this, chamomile?"

"That's right. The one from before"

"Short rest?"

"Yes. It's calming, right? Tasty?"

"Tasty....."

"Ha? Iva is holding a conversation..... Baachan? Since when?"

Ara, everyone is looking this way, what is it?

"Even Iva can do something like chatting"

"No..... that's what only Baasan thinks....."

"Koyu-sama? What have you done?"



"Ara, we have only chatted in the carriage? Right, Iva?"

"Un. Chatted"

Everyone says various things, but we have really only chatted. What else was there to do? Inside a carriage.....

We have talked, and there were many things I was curious about. Ivar can't speak with whole sentences. Because he can properly follow the conversation, I think that he's just not used to having a conversation.

Also, he seems to be extremely afraid of calling others' names. He normally looks into your eyes when not talking.

But, he averts his gaze during a conversation.

Although I think that something must have happened, I shouldn't forcibly press him for answers, right? We are still just acquaintances of two days. Ara, only two days have passed? It feels like we have known each other forever.

It would be nice if he could tell me about it someday, but it would be better if he could overcome it himself one day.....

Rather than that, the chamomile tea is delicious. Warm and fuzzy.

☆☆☆ **Iris's astonishment** ☆☆☆

K, Koyu-sama did something again.....

That Ivar is chatting.

Iva who only returns the necessary amount of words when talking is.....

Moreover, he calls Koyu-sama『Baachan』of his own will.

Even though I couldn't do it in five years.....

I'm under impression that it can't be helped because it's precisely Koyu-sama.

I mean, Ivar might become able to speak normally. That's a happy thing.

She really is a mysterious person.....

# Chapter 28

After the dinner, I rest in the carriage with Iris.  
I have been wearing the same clothes for two days already. I want to change.....  
But, everyone is not changing their clothes..... is it all right for me to change clothes alone..... Infinite Storage has already been exposed anyway.....  
I'm troubled thinking about it. If it won't cause trouble for Iris again. But, it feels unpleasant, after all..... I'm troubled.....

"Nee, Iris"

"What is it?"

"A, anone, would you mind if I change clothes?"

"Eh? Change clothes? Isn't that fine?"

"Is it okay? Everyone is not doing it, though. Iris also haven't changed your clothes, right?"

"Yes. It's only the second day. Ah!"

"What?"

"Koyu-sama..... you can't use magic, right?"

"Yes. Only what you have taught me, but..... yeah....."

"I'm sorry. Umm, there's life magic called『Clean』. you see....."

"『Clean』?"

"Although it doesn't wash your body, it's able to make your body clean"

"Like when entering Onsen?"

"Ah, it's not to such extent"

"Can I do it too?"

"U~n..... I will cast it on you today.『Clean』"

A, ara. I feel like the stickiness of sweat has disappeared.  
But, I'd still like to change my clothes.....

Rustle, rustle..... I'm tired. Isn't it alright to expose it already.....

Yoishotto. Let's take out the carry-on and look for the change of clothes..... N? Gaze?

"Iris, I'm sorry. I still want to change my clothes. Is that all right?"

"Ah..... Yes....."

Umm, I wonder if it will be easier to move tomorrow with the underwear from the carry-on. Then, let's take pants. Grey herringbone pants are my favorite. The top is a high-neck knit.

I don't have pajamas so I can't relax, but we are on a travel right now. I can't be selfish.

I became sleepy. Ah, I didn't do the laundry, though..... let's do it tomorrow. Good night.

☆☆☆ **Iris's mutter** ☆☆☆

The life magic I should have taught to Koyu-sama.....  
To think I haven't taught her a single thing yet.....

What I was doing all day today.....

I didn't think about Koyu-sama's inconvenience until she has asked to change clothes.

Even though I immediately use Clean when I feel disgusted by the sweat. I was filled with guilt.

I was, but.....

When I look at Koyu-sama who suddenly took out a large bag.....

I want to take my feelings of guilt back..... I think that everybody would understand me.....

☆☆☆ **Ivar's mutter** ☆☆☆

『Baachan』, I tried calling her.

『Ivar』, Baachan called back.

In truth, I must call her『Koyu-sama』like Iris and others.

But.....

I tried calling her『Koyu-sama』once.

She made a surprised face. When I faced down,『Baachan』, she told me it's all

right to call her like that.

How did she know?

How did she know I'm afraid to address people by『Name』, how?

But, it's already all right. I should call her『Baachan』from now on.

Baachan who feeds me many tasty things.

Baachan who teaches me about delicious things.

Baachan who asks me "What would you like to eat?".

Let's try calling her『Baachan』tomorrow as well.

Then, I may get warm again.

# Chapter 29

This and that happened, and it's already the fifth day. I got considerably accustomed to traveling.

Hafuu.....

I slept well. The *koki* sound when moving my neck must be because of age? I don't like it, I was finally rejuvenated. Ara, which reminds me, un. I was rejuvenated, wasn't I? But..... still an elderly? What a half-baked job..... On the fifth day, I finally came to think about it..... I'm as expected..... no, let's forget the old evaluation.

Now then, let's make a breakfast since I'm up.

Yokkoisho. I think this every time, but getting out of the carriage is the hardest. M, my foot won't reach. *Zuri, zuri, zuri*. A, ah~ I, it reached.....?

I feel like my foot touched something..... this is, probably the ground. Yoisho. I push my body with a hand.

Done. I was able to get out of the carriage without an injury today.

Now then, let's make the breakfast. But..... un, I have only what I have. Let's get the soup stock from the pack first. I pour water in a pot then put in the soup pack and put it on the fire.

I have wheat, so I will wash it in another pot. Then, I will let it soaking in the water for a while.

N, I have a little bit of Powa (spring onion) left. Let's mince it finely.

Is the stock done yet? Un, a good fragrance. I take out the stock. And insert the wheat. Mix together with finely chopped Shitoru (pumpkin), *kotokoto*.

What shall I make for the morning tea? Coffee, black tea or green tea are out of the question. Is something from what I have picked suited for morning tea?

Ummm. Chrysanthemum and mugwort? Yes, let's make tea from mugwort. Although I say that, I just put it into a pot as always.

I want barley~ You can make barley tea when you roast it. I want to drink it because of my high blood pressure..... are? Which reminds me, I have not recently felt the usual *dokidoki* or *kaa*~. Ah, perhaps, because of the

reconstruction..... That's right, I have become slightly younger. Did it also cure my illnesses? What a grateful thing.

It appears that the wheat has become soft. Tasting..... n~..... let's add a little bit of seaweed salt. Put in the finely minced spring onions and boil. Although it's unsatisfactory that it doesn't contain protein.

Ah, the soup pack! If I roast that, I could sprinkle it over. But, I don't have any more pots..... for now, put the soup stock in a wooden bowl, add miso and mix, and stir.

U~n. Stretch, stretch.  
Everyone is quite not getting up yet.

I got used to making meals as well. I became able to do most things by myself. I can't trouble Iris any longer.  
There's nothing to worry about..... is what I would like to say, however.

The ingredients.....

Seasonings

- Seaweed salt (just a little bit)
- Miso (about three tablespoons)
- Stock pack (two more)
- Brown sugar (two cubes)
- Malted rice (not used yet) There is only a little left.

Ingredients

- Wheat (handful)
- Gathered perilla (just a little bit)
- Gathered chrysanthemum (just a little bit)
- Gathered rosemary What to do? I can't make a meal. I wonder how much further to Tiylul..... I don't want to starve to death.

Let's consult with Elm after the breakfast.

"Nee, Elm. How much longer until we arrive?"

"I would say around eight more days until we arrive at Tiylul"

"Maa, what to do? I don't have any more ingredients"

"There's still the dried meat"

"The seasoning is not enough"

"Maa, it can't be helped, right? We still have a little of hard bread, though"

"There's not enough vegetables as well"

"..... We will arrive at a small village in two days"

"Will we be all right not eating for two days?"

"We will arrive later, but would you like to hunt and gather today?"

"Could we do that? But, there are not enough seasonings, so it will be mostly taste of saltiness, will that be all right?"

"That's is normal for us, but....."

"Yes. But, I don't like that. I'm sorry for being selfish, okay?"

"Haa. It can't be helped, can it? We will get off the road for a while then"

"Alright. I'm really sorry for being so selfish"

I mean, there's no tea anymore. I used up the herbs. I even used up all of the vegetables.

Only water can be produced with magic, so we are okay on that front.

Since then, I have been practicing magic before sleeping by circulating it around my body or gathering it at hands..... I'm working hard on such basics. Therefore, I still can't use Clean myself. It's alright because Iris is casting it on me every day, though.

Elm conveyed to everyone that we are hunting and gathering today.

It appears that Iris and Sapin are going to hunt while Elm and Shien are going to be gathering.

Ara, what about Ivar and me?

..... We are watching over the carriage they said. Even though I think that I'm able to at least do the gathering.

So, that makes Ivar my guard..... un, I'm being taken care of.

Oh well. Let's knit covers for the cushion.

*Chikuchiku, chikuchiku.....*

"Ivar, what color do you like?"

"Color? Why?"

"I thought about making a cover for the cushion, you see. I thought to embroider it with Ivar's favorite color"

"Tawny"

"Tawny? Un..... what shall I embroider....."

"Short rest?"

"Ara, you are fond of tea?"

"Un"

"Let's see. Tea..... tea..... a cup?"

"Looking forward"

"Yes. Look forward to it"

Well then, let's cut undyed cloth and embroider『Ivar』in a small font here. Add the embroidery of a cup. Un, un let's add the steam.

*Chikuchiku, chikuchiku.....*

Also the contents. Let's cover it for now.

"Ivar, what suits Iris?"

"Iris? Flower? Blue one"

"Ara, Ivar thinks that blue flower suits Iris"

"Un"

"Blue thread..... thread..... ah, there it is. Let's do it with this"

*Chikuchiku, chikuchiku.....*

I modelled it after iris. Fufu.

Everyone is late, aren't they? Let's make the preparations for the lunch.

I soak the remaining dried meat into water. I soak the wheat in a separate pot.

I put the pot with dried meat on the fire. Until it's cooked soft.



N~..... I want some greens, after all.

*Kyorokyoro.*

Are, what kind of greens is that? Broccolini?

Is that edible, I wonder.....

"Ivar, is that plant poisonous?"

"N? Which?"

"This one, this"

I lead Ivar by hand to the plant.

"This?"

"Right. Does this plant has a poison? Can it be eaten?"

"Edible. But, bitter"

"It's bitter?"

"Un"

Is there a lye, I wonder.....

"Ivar, I want to gather a little bit, can you use Clean?"

"N"

Ivar casts Clean on the neighborhood (around 1m radius) of the bitter plant.  
Let's pick only a little bit.

Is there something else? We don't have enough ingredients.

Ah, is that perhaps the sourleaf, Japanese knotweed? It's similar, isn't it?

"Ivar, is that edible? Have you eaten it before?"

"Baachan, sour"

"So you have eaten it, right? It's sour? Have you eaten it raw?"

"Ate when hungry. sour and crunchy"

Un, un. It's sourleaf, isn't it? Yosh, it could be used as a garnish to cleanse the palate.

"Ivar, can you use Clean just like before?"

"Un"

Un. I got quite a bit. Then, let's carry it back to the carriage. Yoishotto. H, heavy..... it's slightly different from Japan, isn't it? I did not notice, but it can easily break. It has a lot of moisture.....

"Ivar, please help me to bring it back"

"Carry. Wait"

We have moved slightly far away from the carriage, didn't we? I'm sorry. I have made you work. I have to reflect.....

"I can also carry a little bit?"

"Baachan. Here, wait"

"Fuu. Is it not alright to go together? I can carry a little as well"

"At once, too heavy. Sorry"

"I see. Let's go together the second time then, okay? I'm also sorry. I have not understood Ivar's consideration"

"Uun. Learn to carry more"

Umm, I wonder if this is declaring his intentions to try his best to become able to carry more?

"Alright. Do your best. I will cheer you on"

"Going. Wait here"

"Yes, I will wait on you here. Have a safe trip"

Ara, I think I made a mistake with my wording a little bit, but..... Ivar seems to be happy so..... it's fine?

Then, let's sit here for a little bit. It won't take that much time, will it? To the carriage, let's see..... three minutes round trip, I would say. It's visible, but..... it's quite far.

*Gasagasa!!*

W, what was that? I heard some sound from the bushes behind.....

When I turn around, I saw a lengthy tawny creature..... un, looks like a

rabbit..... but, the size is.....

Twice the Japanese rabbit? Just like a Shiba Inu.....

Also, a horn..... it has one. Rabbit.....

I back off bit-by-bit while thinking. Without averting my eyes.....

It's wild, isn't it? That's only natural, though.....

The rabbit also started to crouch.

Umm, what should I.....

Kyaa, it leaped!

O, ouch.....

The horn, struck..... I can say it only grazed me.....

This is bad, isn't it..... blood is coming out.

I'm glad it was just my upper arm..... if it was a leg, I wouldn't be able to escape.

Rabbit has red eyes even over here, huh..... n, no. They became bloodshot.

Uwa, it leaped again! I have to runaah!

*Gorogoro*, I roll aside. Kyaa, leaping, changing direction and leaping right away is unfair.

It grazed my thigh this time. My pants were torn and blood is oozing out.

Bit-by-bit.....

# Chapter 30

..... Yu..... sa..... ko..... yu-sa.....

Koyu-sa..... Koyu-sama.....

A..... ara..... so, someone is..... calling me.....

I? I'm being called? By who?

"Koyu-sama. Are you all right?"

Ah, it's Iris.....

Iris is calling me.....

I'm all right..... my voice doesn't come out.....

"Koyu-sama....."

N, n..... I have to answer.....

"..... I..... Iri....."

"Koyu-sama. You are conscious..... are you all right?"

"I..... me..... what happened..... I wonder....."

My body feels hot and very sluggish.

"Don't move, please. Your wounds are closed, but you were bleeding quite a lot"

"Blee..... ding?"

Bleeding..... what is.....

"Anyhow, would you like to drink water a little? You have a slight fever"

"N..... drink....."

It's difficult for my voice to come out. It's raspy.

"I will raise your body, okay?"

Iris seems to be supporting me from the back.

Nku, nku..... haa.....

"Are you all right?"

"Yes. I'm all right"

My head hurts a little bit, though.

"I wonder what happened?"

"You don't remember?"

"Wait a moment, please..... ah, the Rabbit-san....."

"San....."

Iris? What is it?

Iris eyes look slightly distant, but.....

Ah, what about Ivar? Is he not hurt?

"Iris, where is Ivar? Can you call him over?"

"I will call her once your fever comes down"

"No good. I have to see her immediately"

Ah, my head is throbbing in pain.....

"Koyu-sama, it's unreasonable now. Please, rest"

Throb, throb.....

"That's no good. I want to talk right now. I'm sorry, but just a bit is fine, I have to see her face....."

"Haa, only a bit, okay?"

"Yes. I'm sorry for being selfish"

"I will bring her so lie down please"

"Yes....."

Throb, throb..... my eyelids are heavy..... preserve, me.

"Baachan..... so....."

"Ivar, I'm sorry"

"Baachan....."

"I'm sorry for making you worry. I'm all right. I'm all right, okay?"

"Side..... left....."

"Ivar is not at fault. It's all right. I will recover after sleeping for a bit"

"Not all right. Blood, a lot....."

"I'm all right. Iris has closed up the wounds, didn't she? All that's left is to recover"

"Baachan..... u..... so....."

"Don't cry. I'm all right, okay? But, I have to sleep for a bit"

"Un. I stay by your side"

"Yes. Good night"

My head is throbbing..... conversation is already impossible.....  
Good night.....

Fuu..... hot..... throat is dry..... I feel dizzy..... *guragura*.....

N~..... my joints are painful.....

I, I can't get up..... nn..... I, I have to sit somehow.....

I'm thirsty.....

*Kyorokoro*..... ara, Ivar..... you are here. Sorry for being so exhausted. For making your worry.

Nto, standing is impossible..... isn't it.....

*Zurizuri*..... I somehow manage to move by crawling. As quietly as possible.  
Fuu..... I take out a towel from the carry-on.

Let's wipe the sweat..... I want to wipe my body, but is it impossible? I also want to change my clothes.....  
It appears that I sweated quite a lot. N?!

Ah~..... my arm is broken.....

I also split my flank.....

My pants are also terribly torn.....

This..... looks like..... I got injured..... quite a lot.....

My memory is vague from the middle, though.....  
Rabbit-san over here is a beast of prey.....

It appears that I still don't understand this world well.  
What should I do?  
Fuu.....

Don't panic, don't panic.....  
If I don't know, all I have to do is learn from people who do.

I will suffer defeat if I panic.

Un. I understood one thing, Rabbit-san is ferocious.  
Although cute, keeping it is impossible.  
I never intended to keep it, though.....

I wonder if cats are ferocious as well? I wanted to keep one, though.

..... Can't be helped, can it? Shall I wake up Ivar? Although I'm sorry while he's sleeping.....

I want to drink water.

Also, I want to know about the situation.....

"Nee, Ivar. Wake up"

# Chapter 31

"Ivar, wake up. I'm sorry, I want to drink water"

"N, Baa..... Baachan. Awake? All right to wake?"

"Yes. I feel much better. I'm sorry but could you fill my cup with water?"

"Will bring"

Ivar..... you don't have to panic..... haa, let's take out the medicine from the carry-on. I had painkillers, right? 『Gentle on stomach Buffe○n』. Actually, I would like to replenish my iron, but it's not possible to cook now. I don't have anything in my stomach, I wonder if it would be bad to take it now? Rustle, rustle in the carry-on..... biscuits and dried fruit..... I won't eat a lot, but..... I think it's better than not eating anything.

"Baachan, water"

"Thank you, Ivar"

Water is delicious. One biscuit, crunch, crunch. A sip of water. Dry fruit, munch, munch..... I was curious what it was, isn't this a fig? Delicious, it's sweet.

I guess it's alright now. I swallow the Buffe○n with water. Fuu. Let's sleep a little more. If I don't get well quick, Ivar and Iris would be worried.

Ah, but. Everyone's meal..... is it all right with biscuits and dry fruit? There's only one biscuit and just a little amount of dried fruit left.

"Ivar, can you give it everyone for a meal"

Saying so, I had the bag with the biscuit and dried fruit to Ivar.

What time is it now, I wonder? I don't really know since I was sleeping. How long was I asleep for?

"Baachan, all right?"

"Yes. My head still slightly hurts, but I have just taken medicine. Right, I think I



will recover after a nap. I will sleep for a little bit more, okay?"

When I say such and lie down, I notice that my body is still sluggish. Forcing it is taboo, huh. Let's sleep for a little bit longer..... I close my eyes.....

Ah, I forgot to change my clothes. Ara, what time is it now? It became completely dark, didn't it?

Fuu. It's good that I have woken up, but..... since I hear sleeper's breath, it must be night..... it can't be helped, let's sleep a bit more. The sleeper's breath next to me, is it Iris?

I made Iris worry. That's right, I was calling for Ivar the next thing I noticed. Even though I surely made Iris worried as well.

And not only Iris. Shien too, Elm and Sapin, I have caused trouble for everyone.....

I didn't think about it enough. This is not Japan..... even though this is not the peaceful Japan.

Malicious and greedy people are not the only danger here. What animals are there, what danger exists..... I did not try to understand.....

It felt like a trip.

Even though I was reflecting on it the other day.

How much do I have to understand to be able to live here?

No matter how much money I have.....

I..... will I be able to live.....

I don't have enough knowledge and wisdom to live here.

What should I do.....

Will I be all right.....

No. Let's stop thinking about it for now.

I will get dragged in if I worry in the darkness..... darkness.....

Tomorrow, when it becomes bright, let's fill my stomach. Let's think about it after that.

Everything tomorrow, after it becomes bright.....

# Idle talk 1

『Somebody– Baachan has-』

I was startled by the voice I heard.  
Because it was Ivar's shout.

Iris picked up that child five years ago. They finally became able to hold short conversations.

If you have asked him before, he would only nod or shake his head. At most times, he wouldn't even react.

At meals, if he weren't alone, he wouldn't eat. It was the same with sleeping.

Each time someone would touch him, he would shrink his body in a startle.....

He wouldn't sleep for many days until confirming that no one was hurt. At most, he would huddle himself and rest his body.

Sensitive to presences of strangers, he wouldn't react no matter what.

It was possible for us to eat together after a year, but there was hardly any conversation.

When asked, he would only shake his head.

Ivar didn't change even after hunting and traveling together.  
Even when deciding on something within the group, he would only nod or shake his head.

As soon as two years passed, he began replying with single words, and he became able to eat in the dining room.

At that time, he also began sleeping in bed.

His body grew little by little, and he began expressing words even among my friends.

He remained weak to the touch.

Right now, he's calling for help in a loud voice.

Not for himself, but for another person.

# Chapter 32

N, n~..... I slept well.....

Fuu. The pain is gone.

Saa, let's get up and prepare the breakfast..... which reminds me, what time is it now?

Yokkoisho..... ah..... I, I feel giddy.....

Guu..... I'm hungry.....

When I raise the curtain and look outside, someone was already there.

"Good morning? tte, what time is it now?"

Ivar was right behind the curtain.

"Baachan. Awake?"

"Yes. I became hungry. Could you help me get down the carriage?"

Ivar prepares the stairs. That helps. It's slightly harder to get down than usual. I'm also being seen.....

"Baachan. Unreasonable not allowed"

"I'm not being unreasonable. I feel thirsty, and my stomach is empty"

"Umm, I will now make a meal?"

"..... That seems like quite unreasonable....."

Iris glares at me.

"Ah..... I forgot to bring the sugar. Iris, can you bring sugar and salt from the carriage?"

"Cooking is still unreasonable. Please, lie down"

"But, I'm hungry..... I feel thirsty....."

Haa..... Iris lets out a deep sigh.

"Is it just the sugar and salt? What else?"

"If some hard bread or biscuits are left....."

"Please, sit down, okay? Ivar, watch over her"

"Un. Baachan, sit?"

"Yes, yes. I won't do anything. Ah, Ivar, bring a cup, please. Also, a kettle"

"Un. Sit down"

Ivar and Iris are both overprotective. I was just injured a little.  
Ah, that's not so. This world has many dangers, so we must be careful. I am getting nervous because I keep forgetting. I don't think it's only because I'm old..... I think.

Reflection, reflection.....

"Water boiling. Cup, here"

"Thank you. Iris..... it's taking her time..... ah, she got down"

"Koyu-sama, is this all right?"

"Yes"

I put a cube of brown sugar into the cup and crush it with a spoon and add a pinch of seaweed salt. I pour the boiling water into the cup and stir with a spoon to dissolve the sugar and salt.

I blow the steam away from the cup and take a sip..... fuu..... sweet.....  
If I'm not mistaken, you should drink water with sugar and salt if not consumed meal for a while, right?

I feel like I heard that in the elderly meeting.

Let's think that it was inevitable that drinking one serving of cup took so long.

When drinking the cup of hot water, everyone seemed to notice me and gathered.

"Baasan, you okay?"

"I'm all right. Sorry for making you worry"

"If you are sorry, can you not act rashly next time?"

"Even though I wasn't acting rashly....."

"Fuu..... Then, don't do needless things"

"Needless..... that's"

"Right? Selfishly separate from the carriage? Get injured on your own? What wasn't needless?"

"Ah..... I'm sorry"

"Will you let us obediently protect you?"

"Yes....."

"Except Ivar, for a while?"

"Eh? Is Ivar to blame for something?"

"Rather than blame, reflection? It's not good for that fellow to be spoiled at your side all this time"

"I spoiled him?"

"It would usually be a good thing. But not now"

"Usually? Not now?"

"He's reflecting now, right? If he can't think clearly now, what will happen after this?"

"After this?"

"He won't be able to stand on his own. I think now's a good time"

"Good time?"

"Right. He can't move on his own. If he has to be instructed each time, he won't be able to live"

"You are right. You won't be by his side forever"

"If he thinks a lot and fails, what will happen after?"

"After....."

"If he would be at a loss, you would provide him an escape route, right?"

"Fufu. You are kind"

"No, it wasn't possible before, but..... he has warmed up to you"

"Warmed up..... he's not a dog or a cat....."

"Magic beasts don't usually warm up to people?"

"Ivar is not a magic beast"

"Is that so? He looks like that, though"

"Mou! By the way, when will I be able to pamper him again?"

"Haa? I just told you, right? Not for a while!"

"But..... can you say that after seeing that?"

Has he been watching Shien and me talking all the while? With such sad puppy eyes. Isn't he almost crying?

"Ah~..... I know, but..... I will properly speak to him so..... why is he so attached to you....."

Although I couldn't make out Shien's words, I somehow guessed..... I want to ask that. Even though he's together with Oniichan Shien and Oneechan Iris.....

Perhaps because I have fed him? No, no, no.....

If so, let's recall more delicious things. Although the seasonings isn't enough, I will somehow manage. Above all, I also want to eat. Fufu.

# Chapter 33

"Nee, Sapin. May I inquire about the current situation?"

Shien and Ivar went away shortly after that, Iris is watching me from the side while not approaching me..... I can ask only Sapin. Elm looks somewhat busy.....

How long did I sleep for.....

What has happened after that.....

I know only that I made Ivar and Iris worried and that Iris has closed my wounds.

"Wha? What? Situation? Ah~ right. First of all, we suspended the travel"

"Anone, I understand that. I didn't mean that. For how long was I asleep?"

"Koyu-sama? got injured at the noon of the fifth day and it has been two days since then"

"Then, we are traveling for seven days now?"

"It's afternoon. They day will set soon"

"Then..... what about the meals during that time?"

"As usual"

"As usual?"

"Dried meat and hard bread. The caught meat"

"How much of that is left after that?"

"After that? Maa, we still have meat"

"How about bread?"

"We ate it"

Uwaa..... what to do? We have not arrived at the village because I have gotten injured. And the food supplies got almost exhausted.....

Moreover, the sun is going to set soon..... I'm greatly troubled.

Meals..... I have to make them..... I should be able to make at least a soup. At

least a bit.....

There should be still a soup pack. Besides, I can make clear broth soup as long as we have salt.

Ah, I wonder what happened to the sourleaf from that day? They should be good to eat after boiling them for a little bit. Can't it become an ingredient for soup?

Now then, I must do my best.

"It would be better not to do anything yet"

"But, at least the preparations for the meal....."

"It's not like you have recovered completely, you know? Overstraining yourself would be troublesome for us"

"Ah..... I'm sorry....."

"I will do something about food. Wait a moment. I will ask"

Ask, who?

"Aniki"

Ara? Did I say it out loud?

"I understand, at least that much. Anyhow, I'm going. Sit down, please"

"Yes, I understand"

That being the case..... who's aniki? Only Elm is older than Sapin, right? Their body builds are similar, but..... the aura and looks are not so similar..... Let's ask sometime. I'm looking forward to it.

☆☆☆ **Iris at that time** ☆☆☆

Ah~ mou. I have to pay attention to Koyu-sama. It was because of our carelessness as guards that she got injured. Because she was all right even after the raid and she was also smoothly to learn when teaching her magic. To be all right..... even though the person herself said she doesn't understand anything, I misunderstood that she can do everything.

She immediately tries to move on her own..... she talks and soothes Ivar. She did something that I couldn't do..... Even though Koyu-sama is not at fault. Irritating..... that's why unconsciously averted my gaze.



I can't even properly heal her injury..... a high fever such as that couldn't be treated with half-baked heal. Even though my magical power should be enough. To think that the best I could do was to close the wounds. I'm ashamed..... properly..... if I only could handle it better.....  
Let's practice all over again..... when the time comes, I will be too ashamed if I won't be able to use it.

Also, I have to apologize properly. I'm sure she will hear me out but, right?

Eh? Meal? What is she doing, Koyu-sama!! Don't move around and lie down, please!!

☆☆☆ **Shien and Ivar at that time** ☆☆☆

"Ivar, you understand, right?"

"N"

"Then, try saying it, what you should do, and what you shouldn't"

"Shouldn't, separate. Guards protect at side"

"What you should do?"

"Search enemy. Reflect"

"Then, why do you look like crying? Are you still trying to make Baasan worry?"

"Baachan, worries?"

"She said she wanted to pamper you because you look like crying"

"Ah..... sorry"

"Work hard at today's night duty. At least"

"N"

"You got an important person, didn't you?"

"N. Gentle. Not angry when don't look or talk"

"We are also not angry, you know?"

"Baachan, different"

"How do you think she's different?"

"Because everyone knows, not trying to find out"

"Right"

"Baachan, knows nothing. But, feelings tender when around"

"Feelings? Tender?"

"Un. Wraps me like a soft blanket. Also talking slowly"

"So?"

"Also listening slowly"

"Ah, she waits for your words?"

"Un"

"Sorry. We are a little too much anticipating"

"Uun. I know you undeerstand"

"Tender feelings, huh"

"Un. Warm"

"But, you are being spoiled too much, you know? Baasan is a customer, not family or a companion"

"U..... n..... I know"

"Don't cry?"

"Not crying"

"Protect her properly, okay? She seems to have some special circumstances"

"Protect. Next time, no mistake"

"You bet"

Why did he warm up so much to her? Tender feelings, huh..... he said she was warm as well, didn't he?

To that fellow, I wonder how our feelings are like.....

☆☆☆ Elm's and Sapin's conversation ☆☆☆

"Aniki, Baasan wants to make a meal"

"That's still unreasonable, isn't it? How was it?"

"N~..... she minded that there are no ingredients"

"Ah~..... that's..... too like her..... after that?"

"She seems quite lively"

"Haa. Being lively is fine, but it's somehow suspicious, my stomach is hurting"

"It can't be helped, we have accepted the request"

"I didn't know that common sense doesn't apply to her"

"You wouldn't accept if you knew?"

"No, that character, I would regret later if I didn't accept"

"Regret?"

"You couldn't help it but feel uneasy if something happened, right? There's also Ivar's case"

"He's attached"

"Yeah, attached"

"It's inevitable?"

"What is?"

"That either make my stomach hurt"

"You bet....."

"So, what about the food?"

"Ah~..... it would be impossible for the same thing we eat, wouldn't it? Make her teach from the side....."

"Who?"

"..... Iris?"

"Do you intend to waste the remaining ingredients?"

"So it's me....."

"Do your best, leader....."

"You say such things only at times like this....."

"Then, do your best? Aniki?"

"Seriously only times like this. Haa"

# Chapter 34

I wonder if there is something I could do?  
Although there are no ingredients for the meal, there should be many around.  
I mean, sourleafs and sow thistles were there.

If I take the soup stock and add salt I can do a clear broth soup, if I boil the sourleaf a little, it would be great with the soup, going well together with the soup stock's flavoring. Ah, I think that sow thistles can be boiled as well.  
Because I think that mixing sourleaf with miso and brown sugar would yield vinegared miso taste, I wonder the same could be done with sow thistle.  
Also..... let's chop the dried fruit instead of tea? I think that sweets are necessary for living, but.....

How much is remaining?

Ara, Elm came over. Let's talk.

"Koyu-sama, regarding the meal....."

Ara, Elm has been thinking the same, or not, Sapin must have told him. I'm glad.

"Nee, Elm. Could you bring out the remaining ingredients from the carriage?"

"Ah, yes"

"I think they are in the『Furoshiki』near the『Carry-on』"

"Ha? What's that?"

Ah, neither wrapping cloth nor carry-on exist over here. Umm, how do I explain?

"The ingredients are wrapped in a big blue cloth. I think they are next to the rectangular bag I brought from my hometown"

"Something wrapped in a blue cloth next to Koyu-sama's bag, is it?"

As expected of Elm. He briefly summarized what I meant.

"Yes. Could you bring that? I want to check the remaining ingredients"

"I understand. Wait a moment, please"

After saying so, Elm got into the carriage. How amazing, getting into the carriage without using the stairs. Ah, using stairs..... am I perhaps the only one? Everybody is very athletic, aren't they? I couldn't do that even in my younger days. Probably.....

Elm brought the ingredients, and everyone has gathered. Un, un, meals are important.

Now then, what is left?

- Seaweed salt (a little)
- Miso (3 tablespoons)
- Soup stock pack (2)
- Malted rice
- Wheat (handful)
- Dried fruits (a little)
- Biscuit (1)
- Rosemary
- Chrysanthemum (a little)
- Perilla (a little) U~n. Too little. Ah, which reminds me, Sapin said that there meat.

"Elm, this is all I have at hand, but do you guys have?"

"Meat. We have Rabi (Rabbit) and Cocco (bird). Also, Boa (Wild boar) dried meat"

Ara, if there's meat on a bone, I can use it for a delicious broth. Because fat can be taken from the skin, cooking lean fat with wheat will make it usable as an ingredient.

"There are also the leaves Baasan picked. They are shriveled, though"

Shriveled..... I wouldn't want to use that now. Ivar should recognize the plants, let's ask him to gather fresh ones.

"Ivar, can you recognize the plants we picked the other day? There were the two kinds"

"Recognize"

"Just a little is enough, go pick some, please. Ten of bitter ones and two of sour ones is enough"

The sourleaf has a lot of moisture and two should be plenty because it's thick. Right, it's too heavy..... because of that, the guard Ivar has left my side.

"Un....."

Glance, glance. Everyone is with me now, so it's all right to leave my side, you know?

"Everyone is here, it's all right. Ivar is the only one who recognizes those plants, right?"

"Un"

It appears he finally understood that it's all right and gradually left from my side. Un, depending on the circumstances, it would be a problem if he didn't understand that everything is all right.

Maa, let's think about it later.

"May I start cooking?"

"Please, give me instructions. I will make it"

"Eh? Elm will?"

"Yes"

"Not Iris?"

"Cooking is not her strong point....."

"I will help Iris"

"I told you....."

"I understand she's poor at it, but she won't be able to cook without practice. Won't it be all right if I watch over her?"

"There's only little ingredients left, won't that be too wasteful?"

"I will do the seasoning?"

"I have warned you, okay?"

"Yes. Please, get Iris"

Surprisingly, Iris appears to be poor at cooking. How unexpected. Maa, we won't be doing anything difficult so I think it should be all right?

Let's think about how to make it while Elm went to get Iris.

Let's see.....

First, skin the bird.

Let's cut it into chunks.

Cut the skin into bite-sized pieces.

Prepare two pots.

Let's put the skin into one of the pots. Once the fat starts coming out, roast the wheat until it splits open. Transfer the wheat to a bowl.

Pour water into that pot.....

Un, un..... it should be alright to teach her like that, right?

Is what I thought, but.....



# Chapter 35

"Iris? Please, work only after hearing me until the end, okay?"

"Just peel it off. That can be eaten"

"Don't damage the internal organs. Ah, don't cut inwards"

"Right, right, insert the blade up to the cartilage. Ah, that's not a cartilage! We will boil it together"

"Once the water boils, softly put it in..... don't dump it in!"

"Gently squeeze it, okay? Don't crush it!"

"Iris? Please, stop adding strange things in"

"Just stirring is fine, you know? You don't have to blend it"

"Not a handful, just a pinch. I told you, not a handful"

Haa, haa, haa.....

I, I wouldn't certainly get this tired if I made it myself.....

Iris who goes hunting can't use knives.....

Why does she intend to do everything with magic?!

What do you have your hands for?

You are too rough!

I want you to taste it. That's a whole serving!

Haa, haa, haa.....

Caution..... anything and everything..... so exhausted.

Anyhow, we were able to make something edible.....

Can I go to sleep.....

I decided to lie down for a little while it's cooking because I'm exhausted.....

Ah, I decided to have Elm watch over the pot. I think I can get up in a quarter. I understood that it's impossible asking Shien or Iris to watch over the pot. It would disappear before sampling could be done.

Let's eat all together, okay?!

Good night.....

☆☆☆ **Cooking class from Shien's view** ☆☆☆

Maa, Baasan trying to do the futile. Iris can't cook.  
First of all, she can't handle a knife. Rather than ingredients, she's eager to cook the meat.

But you see, use the knife..... you finally have the opportunity to learn, you know?

Carefully? Not possible, right? She doesn't cook that much.....

Baasan's in a panic because of the splashing boiling water. Iris can heal an injury like that herself?

Yeah.....

Baasan, are you hitting your limit?

I'm going to have a taste as well. It seems that Baasan went back to the carriage.

Are? How much can you eat while tasting again?

# Chapter 37

I have to speak with Iris.

"Iris, we are returning to the carriage"

"Y, yes....."

Iris returns a miserable voice. It's quite amusing. Maa, she must be still cautious because of the meal.

We must discuss the future of cooking. I think that she can't stay like that forever? Meals are important. If she wants delicious things, I think it would be better to make them herself for to some extent.

Maa, I don't think it's bad to eat what others cook, but it's a necessary skill when living alone.

Besides, if I know something useful, I would like to help. I think it's necessary for people, but am I being selfish, I wonder.....

"Iris, sit here"

I hit *panpan* the seat next to me.

I won't let you escape?

"Yes....."

"What have I said before going to rest?"

"Ha..... eh..... um....."

"Even though I finally made a meal together with Iris....."

"Sorr..... ma..."

"I wanted to eat together....."

"..... I'm sorry....."

"Let's eat together next time, okay?"

"Ye... s..."

"So? Was it delicious?"

"Yes"

Maa, what a fine answer. It really was delicious, wasn't it? Maa. Oh well. Let's leave being angry at that.

Now then, how can I motivate her for next time?

She doesn't seem to want to learn that much?

I wonder if I missed the opportunity.

"Let's make dishes together from now on, okay? Okay?"

"Ah..... that's..."

Iris suddenly averts her gaze. That won't work for me, I intend to teach you, after all.

"Ara? Does Iris not want to learn from me?"

"No, but I think you understand from today. I think it would be better to stop because I will only cause troubles for you"

"It wasn't troublesome. It's just because you don't have many experiences, right?"

"That's not the case. I just don't like cooking"

"You like delicious things, right? What we made together just a little while ago was delicious, right?"

"Yes. But....."

"No buts. You have to practice in order to cook properly"

"I panic, I'm bad with a knife..... I will only tire you out, Koyu-sama"

"Then, if something happens to me again and I collapse or get injured, are you all right with just hard bread and dried meat?"

"I didn't mean it like that....."

"So, when people would want you to make them something, you won't do it?"

"That's not the case. But, the things I make are not that great"

"Then, what will you do if I fall sick?"

"You will recover after a while....."

"Eh? What if I get a fever? You will let me only to sleep? Like this time? Or are you planning to let me eat only dried meat while I'm with a fever?"

Let's continue to attack.

"That's not....."

"Isn't Iris in charge of recovery? Are you just going to watch?"

"I will properly cast Heal"

"Are you able to do anything with magic?"

"No....."

"People can't recover their physical strength if not eating, can they?"

"Yes, that's why I prepared hard bread and dried meat"

"Eh? I see..... if you say that much. Iris prefers hard bread and dried meat over cooked dishes, don't you? It can't be helped then. I'm sorry for forcing you to eat the dishes I cooked until now"

Iris's face turns blue. Just a little further.

Maa, we can't do anything great until we arrive at the village.

"You can stop the flattery now. Oh well, you had no choice, but to say it was delicious in front of me, had you? I'm sorry for forcing you to say something you didn't mean. I didn't notice"

"That's....."

"I will make sure to be obedient and not to do anything. I'm really sorry for causing you troubles"

"Ah....."

"I will go to rest now, good night"

I stop the talk and lie down.

I'm terrible, right? But, if she stubbornly didn't want to do it, I wanted to hear the reason. I know the method was poor, but there are only around ten days left to teach.

I hear swallowing from behind.  
Let's wait for the swallowed words..... I'm a terrible Baasan.....

"I'm scared....."

..... Just a little bit more.....

"Having people eat something I made....."

Do your best.....

"Even if I make it, will they eat it or not..... I don't know....."

That's that, but they will eat it, right? The members of this team.

"Again..... if I'm mocked again....."

"Iris? Do you think that everyone in Vanveil won't eat it?"

"Vanveil's?"

"Say, when was it when someone didn't accept to eat? Do you think that Shien or Ivar would do something like that?"

Iris hangs her head and shakes. Un, that's right, isn't it? Iris also should know.

"Iris, how long do you intend on prolonging the time? Even if you fail a little now, they will eat with smiles?"

She's looking at me with a surprised expression, isn't she? Un. It's already fine.

"Let's try working hard, little by little? I can teach you now?"

"Ah....."

"There might not be much time, but basics should be reasonably possible?"

"Basics....."

"Right, Iris should be able to learn to handle even the hated knife of yours"

"Knife?"

"That's right. My grandchild used the kitchen knife since she was three years old"

"T, three....."

"Of course, she couldn't do it well right from the start. She learned a little by little. Let's give it a try? Okay?"

"Yes..... my best....."

"I won't ask you impossible, little by little"

"Yes"

"So, what kind of fellow was it? The one who wasted Iris's cooking....."  
"Eh?"

"Someday..... fufu..... what kind of harassment should be good, I wonder....."

"Ko, Koyu-sama"

# Chapter 38

Maa, let's leave that aside.  
When cooking, let's teach Iris little by little.  
Even if it's just the basics.  
First would be handling the knife, wouldn't it?

"Iris. Let's work hard starting tomorrow, okay?"

"Yes"

"I will do my best as well"

"Yes?"

"Ara, I will also do my best at magic, you know? You will teach me, right?"

"Yes"

"I'm glad. Then, shall we take a break tonight?"

"Yes. Good night"

Well then, well then.  
Ah, I should have learned magic from Iris before going to sleep. That thing called Heal. I mean, it feels nice as if I was soaking in a bath.  
I still find it difficult on my own~ Un, un.  
Maybe I will cause some troubles?

Can't be helped. Let's sleep then.

☆☆☆ **Iris's distress** ☆☆☆

Even though she taught me cooking with great troubles.....  
There's no excuse.....

But, the thing I don't want to recall.....

Let's forget it.

A tip of a sword in front of me.....  
It hurts.....

『You can heal it, right? Try healing it, show me』



『Also, how many times until cut off, I wonder?』

『What? Those eyes!』

『A stupid commoner』

『Light, you said?』

How many more times it will heal..... I already feel dizzy.....

『What? You, who do you think you are?』

『Do you intend to participate in the tea party?』

『This is a class event, you know?』

『What? Homemade, you said? That's why commoners are.....』

『Please don't lump beggars together with me』

Scorned everywhere I go. I hate it. It's not like I have Light attribute because I want.

It's a family attribute.

『What? Silver? It's not a color someone like you should have』

『The ancestor returns, huh..... should you be useful then good, if not.....』

『Unexpectedly, there's not that much magical power value. It was a miss, huh.....』

It's not like I was born with this hair color because I wanted.

If you want such color, go ahead and take it.

Sweat breaks all over my body. It's a dream, this is a dream of past.....  
Someone, save me. The pain is insufferable, I hate it.

..... ri..... I..... ris..... ght?..... Iris, wake up.....

Ha!

Koyu-sama is before my eyes.....

"Iris, are you all right? You had a nightmare....."

She wipes the sweat from my forehead with her hand.....

"I'm all right. I just had slightly bad dream....."

That's right, that thing is from the past. I forgot about it after not recalling it for a while, my past.....

# Chapter 39

..... stop..... why..... ouch.....

What? Who's talking..... uun, that's Iris's voice. What's going on, I wonder. When I come to myself, I notice Iris drenched in sweat..... this must surely be because of the threat from a little while ago.

"Iris, wake up. It's all right, no one is hurting you"

I have to wake her up. She should understand now. She's not little anymore. She doesn't have to struggle by herself.

"Iris, Iris wake up. It's all right"

Iris opens her eyes in a startle. She hasn't settled yet, her eyes are going all over the place.

"Iris, are you all right? You had a nightmare....."

It appears she finally recognized me.  
I wipe the sweat from her forehead.

"I'm all right. I just had a slightly bad dream....."

"You sweat a lot. We have to wipe it"

I take out a towel from the carry-on and hand it to Iris. She still looks unwell. Something to drink..... no hot water unless I go out, huh.

I quietly lift the curtain and peek outside. Ara, Shien is awake.

"Shien, excuse me for a bit. I have a request"

When I call him in a quiet voice, he immediately notices me and approaches.

"Baasan, you are still awake?"

"Uun. It looks like I bullied Iris a little too much. She just woke up from a nightmare. Can you bring me hot water?"

"You went too far? Can't be helped..... is one cup alright?"

"Ah, can you bring two? I want to drink as well"

It sounds like he grasped the situation right away.

"Wait a moment. I will bring it inside"

"Thank you. I will wait"

Now then, let's look at Iris. Ara, she's still absentminded.

"Baasan, here"

A voice appears from outside. Shien brought the hot water.

"Thank you. I'm sorry for taking up your time"

I say my gratitude first and receive the cups.

"How's Iris?"

"She's fine since she woke up. I will let her drink to calm down, then we will talk"

"Don't go too far this time"

"Yes. I will be careful"

As expected, it's unreasonable to push Iris in such condition.  
When I sit next to Iris with cups in my hands..... I could feel Iris shiver in a startle.....

"Here, Iris"

I hand her one of the cups and cool down the other one by blowing on it.  
Fuufuu..... warm.....

*Kokuri*, I sip, and the warmth transfers to my mouth. Fuu.

"Take a sip. It's warm"

"Hot! "

Ha? Iris, you drank without blowing on it to cool down?

"Iris, are you perhaps clumsy?"

"That's..... not true"

"You drink while cooling it, you know?"

"Ye..... s"

"It's warm....."

"Isn't that so? Fufu. You are same as Ivar, aren't you?"

"Same as Ivar..... ?"

"Right. Ivar you see, he also said it's warm when he drank the hot water. And then, an expression of relief floated on his face"

"Is that..... so....."

"You might not have noticed, but Iris, you also made a relieved..... relaxed expression"

"Relaxed..... that might be so. Here..... nobody is here, after all....."

"That's right. They are not here, are they? This place is just caring people"

"Just?"

"Full of considerate people..... this..... even this incomprehensible Obaachan....."

"That's....."

"It's all right. I understand. I mean, it's weird, isn't it? I. I'm too different. I always do strange things, don't I? I came to a country I know nothing about. I can even use some strange magic"

It's true isn't it, no matter if I came to a foreign country.....

"Fufu. That's right. Koyu-sama is slightly different....."

"Ara, Iris. You are not going to deny that point?"

"Cough..... even though you said it yourself....."

I did it, didn't I.....

"Are you okay? Fufufu"

"Cough, cough..... I, I'm all right....."

Although I rubbed her back, there's no change, isn't there?

"Haa..... I'm fine now. I made you worry"

"Un. You seem all right now"

Her depressed expression disappeared. I'm relieved. Unlike in the past, such trauma will disappear one day. Surely.

Now then, let's sleep a little bit more. Good night.

# Chapter 40

N~ my body feels like a log. I think I also had a shallow sleep.  
But, I have to make the breakfast, don't I? I want to at least eat a proper soup.  
Yesterday was a regrettable one.

I think I had put dried meat in the pot..... stock broke out on the side and the meat became soft.

Then, let's tear the meat finely. And put back into the pot.

And put the pot on the fire.

Parboil cow thistle with a little salt in a different pot and wring it out. Then, cut into small pieces.

Let's try a bit of the cow thistle. Un, the bitterness has been considerably suppressed. This will become the color of the soup. Because it has a texture, it will also fill up? Fufu.

Now then, let's try the soup.

Because dried meat has some salt, it seems that I can finish with just a little of the remaining seaweed salt.

Let's finish it after everyone wakes up.

I have to learn magic as soon as possible.....

I have to wash the pot, don't I? I have water kept in a barrel for meals, but washing it with that..... but, the tea.....

Ah..... it's dirty.....

..... acha..... Baachan.....

Who.....

"Who is it? Shin-chan?"

"Baachan, are you alright?"

Ah..... it's..... Ivar.....

"I'm all right, Ivar. I'm just sleepy because I got up early"

I answer Ivar while feeling a tad giddy. Keep it together, what are you doing making him worry. I scold myself.

"Really? Are you really alright?"

Ah..... I really made him worry.....

Then, let's show him a spirited smile.

Look, sweet smile.

"Fufu. I'm fine, I made you worry, didn't I?"

"I..... I'm glad..... you..... weren't waking..... coll..... ap..... se..... d....."

"I'm all right. I'm sorry. I just thought to make a breakfast"

*Zuki.....*

"It's just right since Ivar is awake. I wanted to clean the small pot and boil water in it. Can you do it?"

"Small pot? Dirty?"

"Yes. I parboiled the cow thistle in it, you see. Tea with remains of cow thistle is not delicious"

"Understood"

Fuu..... the moment Ivar turned around, I felt overwhelmed..... no, not yet.....  
n, *zuki..... zuki*, nn..... fuu, I'm alright. It's nothing. Let's take medicine later.

I shake my head at the current situation..... let's obediently sleep in the carriage after the breakfast. It seems I overdid myself a little.....

While sitting down and waiting for the hot water, everyone has woken up. I stand up, put the chopped cow thistle in the pot and complete the soup. Un, it smells appetizing.

"Good morning, the breakfast is ready"

I prepare the tea as well. Although I say that, it's just mugwort leaves in hot water. Naturally, I separate it from the fire after a little while. So it's not too bitter.

When I hand everyone the soup and tea, Elm and Sapin lower their heads apologetically.

It's fine already, I'm not angry anymore.

Shien smiles wryly, Iris and Ivar seem to be dispirited.

"Saa, let's eat"

It appears no one will eat if I don't start.

I eat a mouthful of the soup. Haa, warm soup is delicious. The flavor also seems to be alright. I have considerably thinned it out when boiling. Well, I forgot that youngsters would rather like it a little stronger. The taste of the meat is proper with a slight accent of cow thistle's bitterness. The meat is very tender too.

Tea has the nostalgic taste of Japanese mugwort. Fuu.

What is it? Everyone is looking at me..... hey, eat up.

"Thank you for the meal"

I put my hands together. Un, today's breakfast was delicious as well.

"Elm, we are departing today, aren't we?"

"Yeah..... are you all right? It seems you have collapsed a little while ago, but....."

"Ara, you saw? I'm all right. I just woke up too early and fell asleep again"

"It didn't seem like that....."

"Please don't mind such thing. I would like to arrive in the village earlier. How long will it take?"

"If we go at the same speed as before, it would be the day after tomorrow....."

"If you go as fast as possible?"

"Somewhere around tomorrow night....."

"It won't be possible to arrive today then?"

"Not possible"

"I see....."

"Why? May I ask?"

"No, I just thought there's not enough food"

"There's another reason, right?"



"No. It's alright, there's no other reason"

Although Elm looks worried, I will be alright for two more days.

"Then, shall we clean up and depart?"

"Let's do that. Ah, I will sleep a lot today"

"Ah..... I understand. Please, sleep as much as possible"

He seems to understand, doesn't he? Un, there's a slightly unpleasant feeling throughout my body..... I feel sluggish and painful. There seems to be no fever, though.

I washed the water bag Iris let me drink from before and dissolved brown sugar and salt in it. So I can drink anytime.

Saa, let's depart.

# Chapter 41

I take a painkiller immediately after getting on the carriage. This will surely lessen the pain.

Let's sleep afterwards.

*Zukizzuki.....*

As expected, it doesn't seem like a normal headache.....

The pain comes regularly. The way it hurts is somewhat familiar.....

Un..... it feels like a slight fever is coming.....

Slowly, my consciousness is getting cloudy.....

Is this dehydration, I wonder.....

Headache, nausea, slight fever..... unclear consciousness.....

Probably.....

Multiple problems and injuries in recent days, insomnia and loss of appetite  
.....

All kinds of things.....

It's already ten days since I left home.

I made a fuss about the moving preparations, I certainly did. I ate meal hurriedly..... excited about the new life. I went to department stores and home centers..... but, as expected, I was also uneasy about my new life.....

My body seemed to be getting well after that, but.....  
Am I exhausted mentally, after all?

After coming over here, I probably had only three proper meals in the inn.....  
I'm sweating considerably, but because my body can be made clean to a certain extent with Clean, I forgot about the intake of water, didn't I? I failed to drink water due to the decrease of meals, I got injured, bled, and lost water, got a fever and lost water because of the sweating, lost the opportunity to drink by staying in bed.....

Yes. It's my mistake, isn't it? I noticed the dehydration too late. For the time being, I should drink water and the simple oral hydration solution frequently..... also, make sure not to get fever.....

Let's lie down in the carriage.  
Good night.

And then, as expected..... I have made a mistake once again. I wonder how much worries I'm making for people around without saying anything..... I forgot about it.....

☆☆☆ **Ivar's behavior** ☆☆☆

Koyu-sama went to sleep as soon as she entered the carriage. Sometimes, she would wake up to drink and go back to sleep. I heard from Elm that we are making haste to the Konna village.

I wonder what happened? This situation is surely related to Koyu-sama. Sapin and Shien who are good at handling the horses are riding them, Elm is driving the carriage.

Ivar who would usually sit in the second driver seat has solidified inside the carriage. He hardly moves away from Koyu-sama's side.

He supports Koyu-sama's body when she wakes up to drink then he sits still. By Koyu-sama's pillow.

Occasionally, he would wipe Koyu-sama's forehead with a wet cloth.....

Eh..... right now, what is going on.....

What is Ivar doing.....

Concealment? He's blocking the presence?

What is he doing? Even if you do that, it won't on the ill Koyu-sama, you know?

Nee, what are you doing?

Even though I'm near, even though I see them.....

I can't grasp the presence.....

What to do, it's not like I can stop the carriage.

"Ivar! What are you doing!]

Ivar cuts his wrist..... what..... he draws his own blood and magical power.....

converting magical power to what power? I know? That's..... blood affinity?  
What reckless thing are you doing.....

"Ivar! Stop it!]

You can't, if you do something like that.....

"Ko, Koyu-sama, Koyu-sama wake up! Stop Ivar!]

Please..... stop..... Ivar.....

Voice, I feel like I heard a voice.....

# Chapter 42

The voice is..... this is Iris..... isn't it.....

Ivar is? What?

Ivar!

When I opened my eyes, Ivar was cutting his wrist with knife and bleeding. W, what is he doing? What is going on? No, rather than that, have to stop the bleeding.

I grasp Ivar's wrist and stop the bleeding first.  
Next is, what should I do next.....

Ah, a cloth..... I should have bought a cloth. That should be good as bandage.....

But, even while held, the blood drips on the floor. What to do, what should be the best thing to do?

When I look up at Ivar, his eyes are blank as if he couldn't see anything..... some incomprehensible words are escaping from his lips..... I have to stop him. I have to stop Ivar.

I slap Ivar with all my might. Holding his wrist with my left hand and with my right hand.

*Pashi~n*

"Ivar! What are you doing! Get a hold of yourself"

"..... Ba..... Baa..... Baachan?"

"Leave Baachan aside. Right now, what were you doing? The bleeding, stop the bleeding"

"Baachan....."

He brushes off my grasping hand and embraces me.....

Ah~ the blood, the bleeding has not stopped yet.

"Ivar, hugging is fine, but let's stop the bleeding first, okay?"

Ah~ mou..... my eyes will fall if you cry so much, together with tears.....

"Look, let's stop the blood first, okay?"

I tap on Ivar's back.

"U..... un....."

Quickly. Am I the only one panicking..... Iris is looking at me with an extremely strange gaze. Her lips are flapping open and close.....

I wonder if she got startled by my shouting?

"Ivar! Let's quickly stop the blood!"

At last, he noticed and looked at me. But, he's startled. Un, let's quickly stop the bleeding.....

"Baachan, why are you bloodstained?"

"Yes? It's because Ivar cut his wrist....."

"When did I get hurt, I wonder....."

"Un, quickly stop the bleeding. Call Iris over"

"Iris?"

"..... The wound will close if Iris uses Heal, won't it?"

"Ah, un"

I look around.....

"Baachan, cancel this"

N? What is *this*? I didn't do anything.....

"I'm not doing anything..... Iris is flapping her mouth open and close over there because Ivar did something, isn't she?"

"Ah!"

Ivar does something with his bloody right hand.....

"Ivar!『O' power, take on a shape of healing and close Ivar's wound, Heal』"

It seems Iris used Heal on Ivar right away.

I wonder what happened? While I was asleep. First of all, let's hear the two while drinking water from the water bag.

But before that, we have to clean this. It reeks of blood.....

"Iris, I'm sorry but could you use Clean around here?"

"Yes. Wait a moment, okay?『Wash my surroundings with my power, Clean』 "

"Thank you. So, let's talk, okay?"

"Ivar, what were you doing? Please explain so I can understand"

"Don't remember....."

"Then, when you came to, you did something with the blood, right? What did you do?"

"N..... removed barrier"

"Barrier? What is that?"

"Wall....."

I don't really understand. Could Iris explain it more clearly?

"Iris, have you understood that? I would like an explanation"

"I'm not sure because I don't have the attribute, but it was a spell of the dark attribute Ivar possesses. It makes a wall from magic. I could not hear the sound inside, I even couldn't feel the presences"

"A magic wall..... say..... Ivar did something with his blood, but what was that?"

"That also, was an attribute magic..... it's generally used to control people, however....."

I have a headache.....

I wonder what Ivar wanted to do?

"Control..... what could be done? Ivar, what did you want to do?"

"Don't know"

Ivar hangs his almost crying face down. Really, what did he want to do, I wonder.....

For the time being, let's sleep..... it would be better to sleep for both Ivar and me.....

Let's speak again after calming down. Which reminds me, I made covers for the cushion, didn't I? I only completed one for Ivar and Iris, though. Since there's no cotton, let's purchase it later and stuff it with clothes for now. It's a substitute for a pillow.

I retrieve a knitted sweater from the carry-on and stuff it inside Ivar's cover with an embroidered cup.

"Ivar, do you remember this?"

"Un, short rest"

"That's right, this is Ivar's cushion. Let's rest for a little bit, okay? Together"

"Un"

Although I thought he was young..... Ivar seems to have returned to a baby. His emotions are pulling him back, making his actions similar to a toddler. Can't be helped. He will return to normal after a while.

"Ivar, come to the side. Look, it's a cushion substitute for a pillow"

I lay down and place the cushion around my belly. Ivar excitedly snuggled up to my side with his head on the cushion.

While stroking his head (sometimes I patted his back) he fell asleep.

He's at a difficult age, isn't he?

When I woke up early in the morning..... Ivar was clinging to my body. How did he end up hugging me like this?

He's cute so let's leave it aside. .... I'm a no good fellow. I'm Baba Fool, aren't I?

A, anyway? Let's pat his head.



# Chapter 43

Ha, haha..... what to do.....

Ivar has completely regressed into a baby.....

When the carriage stopped, I consulted with everyone..... Iris? Why did you avert your gaze? I want to cry as well.

Returning to a baby, I think that happens when the love you received was thin (during infant days)..... it should be like that..... because I only had one child and one grandchild..... I have not experienced it myself.....

First, I need to give a lot of skinship..... tte, even though Ivar is not my child, right?

It can't be helped, I will make him my child. Even if it's only for now. If that child calms down, that would be fine.

Becoming a foster parent after becoming Obaachan, it's not something that I should be experienced many times over. Again.....

Ah~ I wonder if the carriage will stop soon?

"Iris, can you get me water? The contents of the water bag got used up. If possible, if you would put a little bit of brown sugar and salt in, I would be very grateful"

"W, water bag, is it..... salt..... sugar....."

"It's fine if it's too difficult, just water is good. I will teach you properly later"

"Ah, yes. I can do it if it's only water"

"I wonder what happened to Ivar?"

"Yeah..... it's almost as if he turned into a child....."

"Haa, that's right. Probably, my injury is the cause, isn't it? Also, I slept without saying anything"

"Is it alright now, Koyu-sama? That..... your condition....."

"I think it's because of the bleeding. Therefore, I will be fine after eating,

drinking, and properly resting"

"Ah..... was..... that so..... I keep forgetting a lot of things. I'm sorry"

"It's fine, I have also insufficiently explained. It's just right, I will teach you. The human body, is made up of water? blood for the most part. When you get a bleeding injury, that part is lost, right? In that case, you need to get it back. Understand?"

"Ah, I see..... just closing the wound is not enough, isn't it?"

"That's right. All would be fine with compensating for the lost part, but I stayed in bed without eating, and because I wasn't eating, I wasn't able to supply the water. Look, blood is liquid, isn't it?"

"That's why you had the water bag by your side?"

"That's right. But, blood is not only water, right? That's why I consumed it together with salt and sugar"

"..... The brown sugar and salt were because of that..... huh....."

"Yes"

While at it, shall we talk about the human body?

"How do you use the Heal, Iris?"

"I close the wounds and reduce the fever during sickness"

"I see..... are you able to heal a bone fracture?"

"If it's a fracture..... it may occasionally be very difficult, but....."

"Then, how about sickness? For example, pneumonia?"

"As I said, I lower the fever during sickness. I don't understand pneumonia that well"

"Nto, then, do you know any varieties of sickness?"

"If it's a cold or excessive magical power sickness....."

"So you know cold. Ara, what is excessive magical sickness? What is it like?"

"The body is overwhelmed with magical power. Children who can't release of use magical power easily fall to that sickness"

"I see..... those symptoms are not from there, aren't they? Ah, do you know of diarrhea or constipation?"

"Ah, yes. That's the one you get when eating something rotten or consuming a poisonous plant"

"You wouldn't normally eat rotten things, right? Is it normal to eat rotten food over here?"

"Ah, no..... only at times when there's no food....."

"Ah..... I understand. I was insensible. I'm sorry"

"You don't have to....."

"So, what do you do during such time?"

"When it's painful..... I can't use it well, so....."

"Un. That's during your time, right? How do you treat a patient?"

"You request for an advanced magic treatment. Only if you have the money, though"

"Fuun. Is that so, huh"

Un. Iris sometimes suffers from eating too much of the rotten. So she had a time when she didn't have anything to eat, huh. I wonder what her situation was? It would be nice if she would talk to me about it someday.

"Iris knows that you will get diarrhea and constipation by eating rotten food, I see. Then, you understand that water was coming out of your body, right?"

"Yes. It was painful, my belly was hurting..... the stomach pain was unbearable..... I only have unpleasant memories of it"

"Uun. It's a treasure if you know from your experience. That's because rotten things depending on the circumstances change into a poison. You would vomit and have diarrhea because your body knows that such thing doesn't belong in the stomach. Therefore, vomiting and diarrhea is necessary, but you have to resupply the lost water"

"Even if in pain?"

"Is it possible to drain it away with magic?"

"There's medicine for poison. Cure magic as well"

"Do you know that poison curing magic, Iris?"

"If it's not a deadly poison....."

"Deadly poison..... is that neurotoxin? Hemotoxin? Corrosion poison?"

"There are types of poison?"

Iris..... she bit.....

"I don't know the details, but..... I think there are. When you get bit by a snake and when you drink poison, the symptoms are different, aren't they?"

"Tha..... t's right....."

"There are a lot of things we both don't know, aren't there....."

"Yeah....."

"It would be nice if I could remove all the foreign substances from my body....."

"Next time, I will practice....."

The world is full of things I don't know.

Rather than that, what to do about Ivar? He completely fell asleep.

# Chapter 44

After eating breakfast, the carriage that was running nonstop has stopped. Fuu, I'm relieved. After washing my hands after toilet, I consult with everyone. Embracing all by myself is a bit straining. Everyone should know about Ivar. First of all, let's speak a little while making dinner. Ivar is still sleeping in the carriage.

"Sapin, build a fire. Also, can you check on Ivar? If he's awake, let him warm his body near the fire"

"Elm, there's almost nothing to eat. Please, get some plants to eat"

"Shien, can you handle the meat? Ah, don't throw away the bones. I will use it for broth. Let me know when you peel off the skin"

"Iris, I'm going to prepare the water bag. Watch me, okay? Look, you mix the salt, sugar, and water like this. Just a little bit of both is enough. Just enough so you can taste both"

The dinner preparations are first. I have to make firm eyes because we had no lunch.

I also have to let Ivar eat properly because of his injury.

As for my condition..... maa, I slept. I can somehow move around. But, because it wouldn't be good to do it all by myself, I have everyone help me.

Now then, what are the remaining ingredients?

First, the meat. Because Shien is handling the Cocco, let's put the bones into the pot. The skin is chopped finely and meat into bite sizes. I put rosemary into the pot.

I boil the skin in a smaller pot and put it into a bowl. I pour the remaining water into the big pot and skim off the scum.

I chop the sourleaf Elm brought and mix it with the skin and the remaining miso. Un, it became like chicken skin vinegared miso, didn't it?

I wash the smaller pot and dissolve jam in it..... as a substitute for tea.

I take out the bones and rosemary from the big pot and put in the meat.

Ara, what are this red fruit and this leaf?

"Elm, what is this leaf? It's edible, right? What about this red thing?"

"Yes, this leaf is called Epi and is a kind of vegetable, but it's usually quite small. That red fruit is called Kaien"

How does it taste, I wonder? Let's chew a little bit of this leaf. Mogumogu..... I feel a faint spinach taste..... it's just a normal leaf vegetable. Is the flavor light as a because of that?

Is this red fruit actually a cherry tomato, I wonder..... kashu..... hii~ peppe!! Spicy..... burst into flames spicy! A chili pepper? Is such spicy thing commonly eaten around here?

"E, Elm! Do you normally eat this?"

"Yes. I do. It's considerably smaller than usual, though"

I pick one, and toss it into his mouth. Paku!! Peppe!!

See, it would become like that, right?

"S, spicy!"

Un, un. I have a tingling ache inside my mouth.

"It's not usually this spicy"

N?

"It isn't spicy?"

"It shouldn't have such sharp taste, but....."

Is it related to size?

Maa, it would have a good accent. Un.

Let's cut Epi into chunks and finely chop one Kaien.

I put salt into the pot with meat and taste. A little, strong? Ma, let's put in Epi. I chopped plenty. And taste. Un, slightly light? I put half of the chopped Kaien in and taste. Eh? The hot taste might be just right! A really delicious nabe after a while. If I could put Chinese chive and leek in this..... a salted chicken hot pot.....

The members watching me taste over and over..... there's plenty! Don't look

at me with such eyes!

The chicken hot pot, chicken skin, sourleaf, and miso.  
Tea made with jam.

This became our dinner.

"It's done~ Saa, let's eat"

Hearing my voice, everyone immediately gathers. Ivar who was obediently warming up by the fire with Sapin has nestled close to me. Ah, un. It would turn out like this, wouldn't it? He must have heard from Sapin that I told him to be obedient.

Everyone is eating the hot pot from their bowls.

"Itadakimasu"

I put my hands together and start eating.

Fuu, fuu, paku. The meat is tender. Shaku, shaku. Epi has a delightful texture. Yeah, delicious. So warm.

Let me see, how about the chicken skin? Kuniyu, kuniyu, shaku, shaku. Un, this is delicious as well. A satisfactory meal after a while.

I who ate while savoring the taste didn't notice. How fast the contents of the pot disappeared.

Saa, me too, seco..... nds.....

Let's have a tea and relax.

☆☆☆ **Elm's gathering** ☆☆☆

"Elm, there's almost nothing to eat. Please, get some plants to eat"

Being told such by Koyu-sama, I entered the bushes. But, what would she like to eat?

Koyu-sama does not compromise when it comes to eating.

I couldn't find anything in the bushes, so I arrived at remote grassy plains.

I saw red fruits here and there. It was quite small, but when I appraised it, it was『Kaien』. Un, I have eaten this before. It's the size of a little finger, but there is quite the number of them. I don't like them that much, but it's better than

nothing.

After a short while, while looking carefully around I found a long and narrow leaf under my feet, I learn that this is『Epi』. Leaf vegetables are not my strong point, but I know it's alright after appraising.

Koyu-sama won't mind as long as there's no poison.

She also inquired about poisonous plants before.

I'm taking as much as I can carry with my hands, so it should be alright.

I thought so. I haven't thought it would be so spicy.

Oh well. The dinner was a little hot, salty bird dish. I thought it was soup, but there was so much garnish inside, so I had my fill.....

It was good, and I'm full..... before I noticed the pot was emptied.

Koyu-sama standing in front of the pot..... hung her head.....

She stood there momentarily, but..... the coercion never occurred.....

I'm terribly sorry.



# Chapter 45

While relaxing and drinking tea, Shien quietly comes to left.  
Because Ivar is on the right.

"Baasan, what's with that?"(Shien)

Maa, you would notice, right? This is just right, let's consult.

"In the carriage you see. I wonder if it happened because I went to sleep without saying anything. His magical power apparently run out of control"  
(Koyu) I don't know much about that, so I look at Iris.

"I just went to replace a wet cloth for a moment. Before I noticed, he formed a barrier and tried to use blood pact....."(Iris) "Ha? You did well stopping him....."(Shien) "It was Koyu-sama....."(Iris)

"When I woke up, I saw a bloodstained Ivar, I was so startled"(Koyu) "Don't end it with being startled"(Shien) "Because his eyes were blank, I woke him up with a slap"(Koyu) "That's amazing....."(Shien)

"Because I didn't understand well, you see....."(Koyu) "Eh? It looks like you were incredibly calm, though?"(Shien) "There was a wall? like thing? Iris couldn't enter..... I woke up half-asleep. Bloodstained Ivar was scary....."(Koyu) "I who was watching was also scared. I couldn't lend a hand"(Iris) "I was desperate, you see"(Koyu)

"So, how did he end up like this?"(Shien) Un, that's right. He's clinging to me like glue, isn't he?

"Is it an infantile regression? He's not my child, though....."(Koyu) "He was fine in the morning, wasn't he?"(Shien) "Yes..... it's probably because he saw me collapsing before the breakfast. I thought I deceived him well, though..... was it worry? Insecurity? I wonder. After entering the carriage, my headache was terrible. I completely forgot to be considerate"(Koyu) "Yes, he was all the time beside your side, changing the wet cloth....."(Iris) "Haa....."(Shien?)

"I'm sorry. If I say the proper reason, I might be wrong"(Koyu) "Right..... while teaching me lots, Koyu-sama was earnestly laying in bed, drinking water..... I

understood well the meaning behind those actions. But, watching Koyu-sama laying down with the fever I felt guilt..... I was really anxious, and my regret also doubled"(Iris) "..... Ivar, you are listening, right?"(Koyu) "..... I..... thought..... dying..... not waking..... to..... voice"(Ivar) Haa, Ivar..... so you were thinking like that. I just didn't have any stamina.

I embrace Ivar with my right hand..... and then, I put my head on Ivar's shoulder and lean my body on him.....

I'm here. I feel Ivar's temperature. His body is shaking, isn't it? Don't cry.....

On the opposite side of the fire, I could see Elm and Sapin watching us.

Only Ivar's crying voice resounded around the surroundings.....

☆☆☆ **Elm's conflict** ☆☆☆

I hurried the horses as much as possible.

Only occasional breaks to give the horses water.....

No one left from the carriage even once.

I understood from Koyu-sama's complexion that her stamina hit the limit.

To think something like that was taking place in the carriage. I couldn't understand the reason why Koyu-sama told Sapin to do something like that. Take care of Ivar? Why is that?

Sapin was constantly talking to Ivar at the side of the fire, but.....

During the meal, he unsteadily walked to Koyu-sama's side. For some reason, Iris was taking care of Ivar bravely as well.

After the dinner had ended, I didn't know anything until Shien asked..... Sapin was dumbfounded as well, but he nodded when hearing bloodstained. He must have seen something inside the carriage.

Haa.....

What should I do from now on.....

But..... Ivar who did not change for five years is definitely changing now.

And also, Koyu-sama can't look after Ivar alone any more than this.....

What am I able to do?

# Chapter 46

The sound of sobbing dies out, and only the sound of wind and bonfire resounds around..... how awkward..... what to do.....

L, let's make tea. There should be still some chrysanthemum.

"Shien, can you boil water? I will make tea"

"N, yeah....."

Looking to my right, Ivar cried himself to sleep. How cute. Eh? Ara, when did.....

"Nee, why did the color change?"

"N~ What color?"

Shien asks while preparing the small pot.

"Ivar's hair color..... it was gray, wasn't it?"

"Ha? Ah!"

*Karan.....*

The small pot fell from Shien's hands. Ara? And then.....

For some reason..... everyone froze. Why?

"What's wrong?"

Everyone is silent and not moving, though.....

I think that Ivar's hair color was gray. But, right now.....

It's currently black-silver for some reason..... Ivar's black hair is glittering.....

"What a beautiful color. Our grandchild had the same jet-black hair"

I think of my grandchild I can't meet anymore while stroking Ivar's hair.

"Baasan, you don't find it scary?"

"Eh? Why should I be scared of Ivar?"

"The color has changed....."

"Ara, Ivar is Ivar, right? If you can change your hair color with some interesting magic, you don't have to dye your hair, don't you? I wonder if you could hide the grays with that?"

"Grays..... that's not the problem, but"

"What kind of problem it is then?"

"Ah~..... silver color hair is....."

It seems hard to say. But, silver hair.....

"Is there some problem? Iris too, isn't yours blue-silver as well?"

""""Eh?""""

"Why is Ivar's the only problem?"

""""Ha?""""

"Ko, Koyu-sama! Since when did you know that my hair is blue-silver....."

"Ara. Iris' was silver-blue since we met, though?"

"Since we..... met....."

"Yes, since the time Anna-san has introduced us"

"From the..... beginning....."

"Yes. Is there some problem?"

"You didn't find it creepy?"

"Eh? I'm sorry, I don't understand why you would think so"

Again, there seems to be some disagreement of common sense.....

For a while, a time of long silence continued.

Yes, I know. Everyone is worried how to say it, aren't they?

Shall I cut the silence myself.....

"Iris, I'm sorry. It might be difficult to say, but could you tell me? Is there something wrong with silver hair? Even if you tell me creepy, I can only see it as a lovely color"

"Lovely..... is it?"

"Yes, it's very pretty"

"Silver is..... it's referred to as a stain. However, those with mixed silver hair are said to be those who couldn't get the stain cleansed. Because of that..... it appeared as attribute in hair....."

"Stained? There's no such thing! Ivar and Iris are not a bit dirty"

"Not on the surface, but the soul....."

"Something like that..... you won't know unless you face each other. If it's a person with a rotten soul, then I have met him before, in this country. He had a magnificent blond hair, but he was rotten"

"Everyone isn't like Koyu-sama"(Iris) "Well, because it's detested from the moment of birth, after all"(Shien) "Why, is it detested? Do you know where it's stained? Do you know the color?"

"..... Many..... mothers die during the birth. My mother was fine, but....."

"Over here, mothers don't die when giving birth to a child without silver hair?"

"..... That's not....."

"Isn't childbirth almost like risking your life?"

"That is, right....."

"I will ask, but did all mothers of children with silver hair died?"

"No..... but..... they refuse..... to raise you....."

"They won't abandon a normal child?"

"..... No ....."

"It's probably because they stand out, isn't it....."

"Stand out?"

"Isn't it easy to notice on the first glance?"

"Ah..... but....."

"Because Iris went to school, you were properly raised up, weren't you?"

"Yes..... both my mother and father, even my older brothers were affectionate to me....."

"What about Ivar's parents?"

"There wasn't anyone by Ivar's side when I found him....."

"Fuun. Was he avoided only because of the silver hair?"

"No..... because it's too fierce when his magical power runs wild....."

"Ara? Don't I have more magical power than him?"

"Those who can't control it are not needed"

"Is that so..... that is, also me, isn't it..... which reminds me, I heard that Iris' light attribute is rare, isn't it?"

"Yes. I could live in the village because of that"

"Then, Ivar?"

"Ivar is..... darkness attribute..... there are not many of them as well, but if I had to say then they aren't appreciated....."

"Why is that?"

"Because light allows recovery magic, if I'm pushed I'd say it's needed, but darkness attribute, it....."

"It?"

"It manipulates blood..... just like Ivar did a while ago..... it allows to form pacts and convert people into underlings, convert into slaves....."

"That is..... if it's darkness attribute, can anyone do it?"

"I think it will be difficult....."

"I thought so..... so it means that Ivar is amazing?"

"Yes"

Funfun.

Understanding from what I collected, there are many misunderstandings, aren't there?

Un, un.

There's no reason to be afraid.

Next is..... ah.

"I want to ask another thing, is it all right?"

"What is it?"

"Why did Ivar's hair color change? You were surprised that I knew your hair color, weren't you?"

"Baasan, Ivar used『Concealment』and『Obsturction』and altered his appearances. Iris changed her appearances with a bracelet type magic tool, but it seems it didn't work"(Shien) "Ara, that tool, is it defective, I wonder?"

"No, I can properly see only blue color, you know?"(Shien) "So it's blue..... how mysterious..... "

# Funeral 1

☆☆☆ **Obaachan's Funeral 1** ☆☆☆

I thought that we could be forever and ever.....  
I thought she could hold her great-grandchildren in her arms.....

Why, why.....

That day we have returned from the honeymoon.

There was a letter from Obaachan in the mailbox.

『Shin-chan, welcome back.

Your bride appearances were very beautiful.  
With this, Obaachan can finally feel at peace.  
Baachan you see, I'm returning to the house in the mountains.  
Come to play some other time.  
Delicious vegetables will be waiting for you.  
Get along well with Osamu-san, okay?  
More than with Baachan』

Eh? I thought she wasn't home, but she has moved out?!  
Which reminds me, it's somehow too tidy here.....  
No way, why all of sudden?

"Osamu-san, Obaachan has moved..... why....."  
"Ah~ un"  
"Why are you not surprised?"  
"I heard about it"

Unfair, how could she tell it only Osamu-san?  
"Shall we come over on the next consecutive holidays?"  
"Is that alright? Then, I won't complain if we can go~"

*Tururu~ Tururu~*  
Ah, a phone call. It seems Osamu-san took it.

"Eh..... yes..... xx police station..... ah, yes....."



What is it? Police station?

"Shinobu..... we are going out, prepare yourself"

"W, what? Police....."

"Obaachan has passed away"

"What are you saying? She has moved to the house in the mountains, didn't she?"

"Anyhow, we are going. Get prepared"

"It must be some kind of mistake"

"Look, I will go with you....."

Even after coming to the police station, I wasn't able to see Obaachan. What was shown to me, was Obaachan's phone.....

Afterwards, I have no memory, and now, I'm in Takamagahara. Obaachan turned into smoke.....

What I was told was that she was involved in an explosion of something, it was a situation in which her body dispersed. I still don't understand well.